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# 1984 ANNUAL REPORT

# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS

Contrasting periods of architecture signify the evolution of the District of Columbia Courts. The recently constructed District of Columbia Courthouse provides the setting for modern trial and appellate courtroom design, incorporating sophisticated state-of-the-art technologies.

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D.C. COURTS' EMPLOYEES . . .
IN PURSUIT OF EXCELLENCE

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Executive Officer

## TO THE
## JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION
## IN THE
## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

The year 1984 brought major organizational changes to both judicial bodies of the District of Columbia Courts. On October 26, 1984, the Honorable William C. Pryor was named to succeed the Honorable Theodore R. Newman, Jr., as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals and Chairman of the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration. On behalf of the entire staff, I wish Chief Judge Pryor well as he assumes both posts and thank Judge Newman for his eight years of dynamic leadership as Chief Judge.

As to the Superior Court, during 1984 the United States Congress, by legislation, recognized that our trial court system had accomplished as much as was humanly possible considering its limited resources and pressing case loads. This legislation created seven additional judgeships and provided a small increment in staff support for the expanded Bench which now totals fifty-one judges. It must also be noted that the Honorable H. Carl Moultrie I has now served in the capacity of Chief Judge of the Superior Court for better than six years, during which time his leadership and initiative have led to many nationally recognized achievements by the Superior Court. This has been accomplished despite the severe shortage of support staff which continues to plague the Court and makes the Court's achievements during this period even more noteworthy.

In light of existing and severe staffing shortages in both Courts, which are exacerbated by the constraints of a tight budget picture for the District of Columbia, it is with considerable pride combined with great concern for the future progress of the District of Columbia Courts that this *1984 Annual Report* is transmitted to the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration under the provisions of D.C. Code §§ 11-1701(c)(2) and 1745(a).

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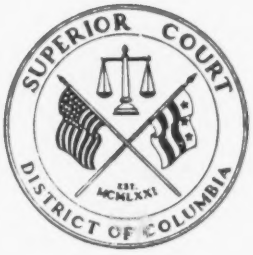
Executive Officer
District of Columbia Courts

# COURT SYSTEM



## JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**Chairman**
Chief Judge William C. Pryor
District of Columbia Court of Appeals

**Chief Judge H. Carl Moultrie I**
Superior Court of the
District of Columbia

**Judge James A. Belson**
District of Columbia
Court of Appeals

**Judge George Herbert Goodrich**
Superior Court of the
District of Columbia

**Judge Carlisle E. Pratt**
Superior Court of the
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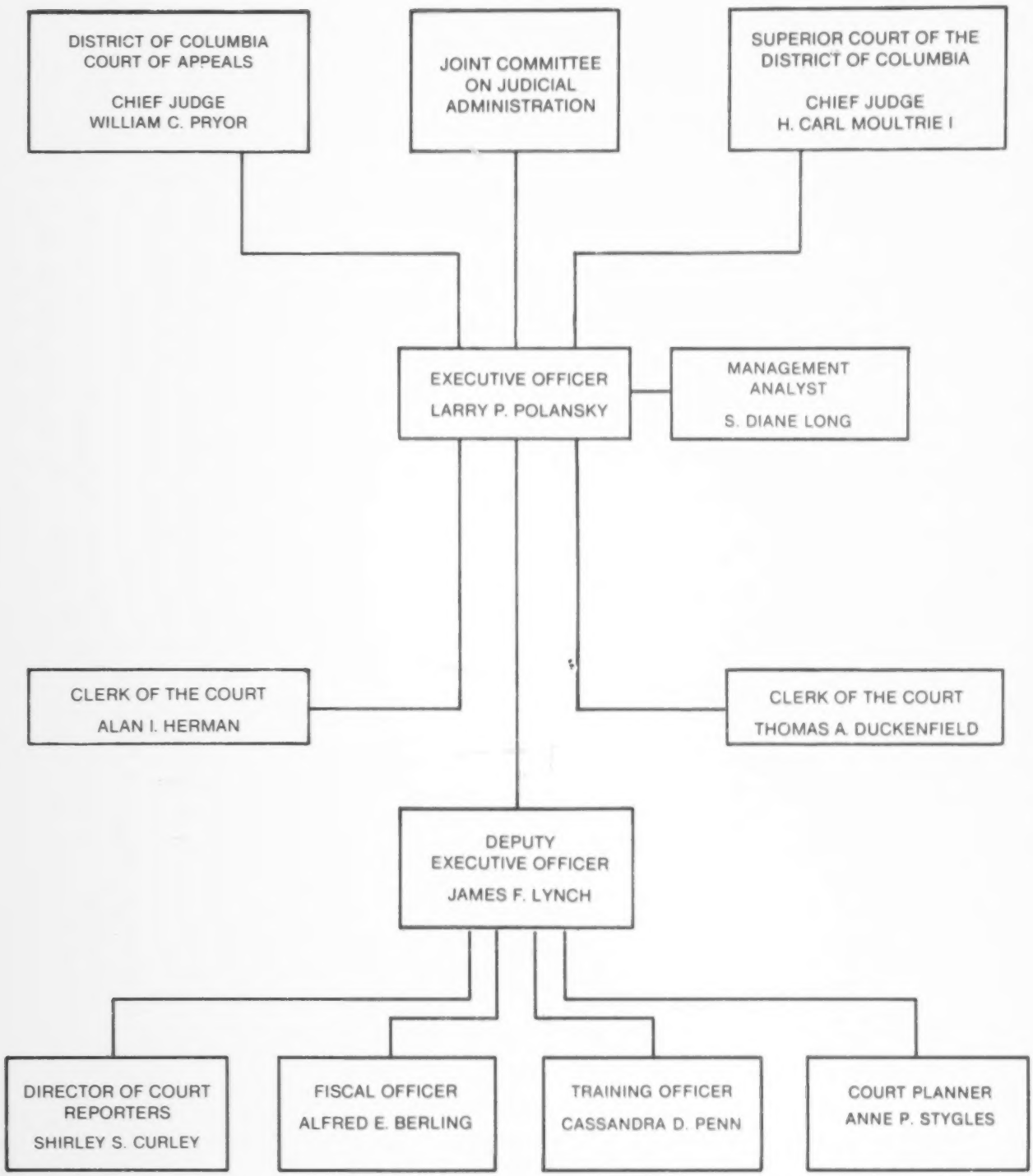
# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS
# ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE


DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS
CHIEF JUDGE WILLIAM C. PRYOR
JOINT COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION
SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CHIEF JUDGE H. CARL MOULTRIE I
EXECUTIVE OFFICER LARRY P. POLANSKY
MANAGEMENT ANALYST S. DIANE LONG
CLERK OF THE COURT ALAN I. HERMAN
CLERK OF THE COURT THOMAS A. DUCKENFIELD
DEPUTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER JAMES F. LYNCH
DIRECTOR OF COURT REPORTERS SHIRLEY S. CURLEY
FISCAL OFFICER ALFRED E. BERLING
TRAINING OFFICER CASSANDRA D. PENN
COURT PLANNER ANNE P. STYGLES

# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

The District of Columbia Courts, consisting of the Court of Appeals and the Superior Court, constitute the Judicial Branch of the District Government and are separate and distinct from the Executive and Legislative Branches.

The organization and operation of the District of Columbia Courts, a completely unified court system, are described in detail in the "District of Columbia Court Reform and Criminal Procedure Act of 1970." The purview of the respective courts, the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration and the Executive Officer, may be summarized as follows.

Under statute, responsibility for the administrative activity of the District of Columbia Court System is vested in the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration which consists of: Chief Judge, Court of Appeals (Chairman); Chief Judge, Superior Court; one Associate Judge, Court of Appeals; two Associate Judges, Superior Court; and, the Executive Officer.

The Executive Officer administratively manages the District of Columbia Court System, as authorized by the "District of Columbia Court Reform and Criminal Procedure Act of 1970," and in accordance with the policies of the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration and the respective Chief Judges in their particular courts.

The highest court of the District of Columbia is the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, and final judgments and decrees of the D.C. Court of Appeals are reviewable by the Supreme Court of the United States in accordance with Section 1257 of Title 28, United States Code.

As the equivalent of a state supreme court, the responsibilities of the D.C. Court of Appeals include:

Review and approval of proposed Superior Court Rules which would modify either the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

Review of all appeals from the Superior Court.

Review of orders of District of Columbia administrative agencies.

Management of admissions and grievances associated with membership in the District of Columbia Bar.

Establishment of the Committee on the Unauthorized Practice of Law.

In addition, the Chief Judge of the D.C. Court of Appeals serves as Chairman of the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration and the Judicial Planning Committee.

The Superior Court is the court of general jurisdiction over virtually all local legal matters and is the only fully-unified tribunal in the country, both in terms of jurisdiction and with respect to designating a single class of judges at the trial level. That is, this Court consists of divisions which provide for all local litigation functions—criminal, civil, juvenile, domestic relations, probate, tax, landlord and tenant, traffic and other functions which are, in other jurisdictions, spread among several courts operating on municipal, county and state levels. Judges of the Court rotate on a scheduled basis among five statutory divisions as follows:

*Civil Division:* Jurisdiction over any civil action or other matter, at law or in equity, brought in the District of Columbia, regardless of the amount in controversy, rests with the Superior Court.

*Criminal Division:* The Criminal Division is responsible for processing persons charged with crimes in the District of Columbia.

*Family Division:* The Family Division of the Superior Court embraces the jurisdiction exercised by the former Juvenile Court of the District of Columbia and the Domestic Relations Branch of the former D.C. Court of General Sessions.

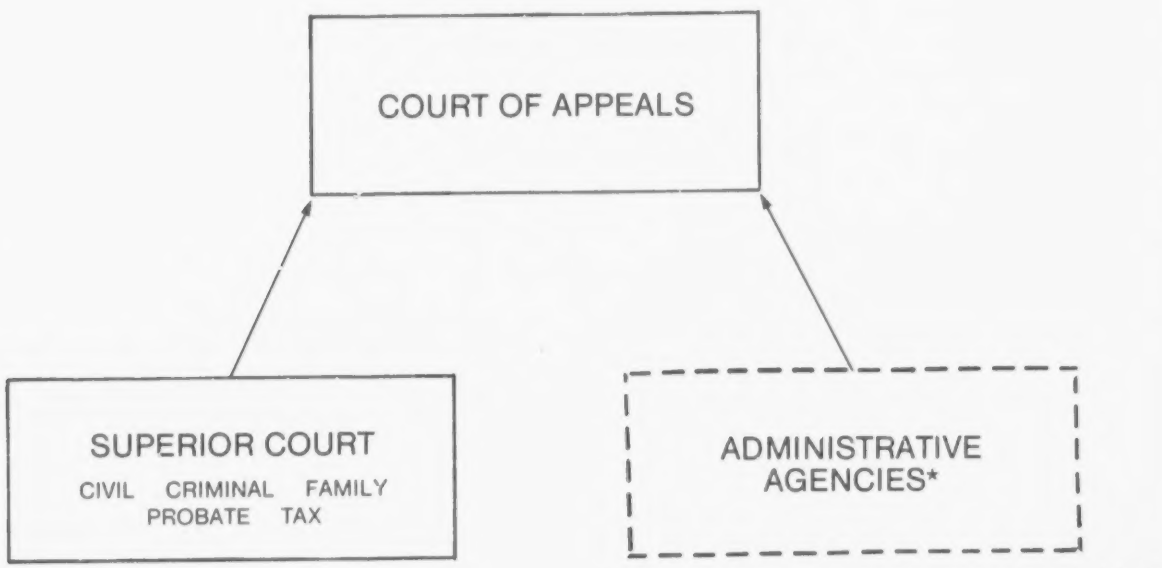
*Probate Division:* The Office of Register of Wills supervises and controls the administration of all decedents' estates in the District of Columbia, as well as guardianship estates of all minor children in the District of Columbia.

*Tax Division:* All tax cases (both civil and criminal) brought by or against the District of Columbia are filed in the Tax Division of the Superior Court.

The *Social Services Division* provides the Superior Court with social and rehabilitative services required for its clients. It is also responsible for providing social information and recommendations to assist the Court in making individualized decisions in all phases of the adjudicative process.

The *Marriage Bureau* processes marriage license applications, issues marriage licenses and ministers' licenses. In addition, this office collects the fees applicable to marriage license applications.

## ROUTE OF APPEALS




*Also, certain "contested cases" arising from decisions of the Office of the Mayor and the D.C. Council.

# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS
# FINANCIAL DATA

The budget for the District of Columbia Courts is submitted by the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration through the Mayor and the City Council to the President and to the United States Congress. While the Mayor and the Council are authorized to provide comments and recommendations on the proposed budget, they are statutorily prohibited from changing the Joint Committee's appropriation request. The President and Congress determine the final budget level and composition.

## TABLE 1
## BUDGET OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS

| | FY 1984 | | FY 1985 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Authorized Positions | Actual Obligations | Authorized Positions | Appropriations |
| Court of Appeals | 73 | $ 3,000,000 | 74 | $ 3,213,000 |
| Superior Court | 959 | 33,641,000 | 983 | 37,416,000 |
| Court System | 66 | 10,535,000 | 67 | 12,903,000 |
| Total | 1,098 | $47,176,000 | 1,124 | $53,532,000 |

## EXHIBIT I: DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA OPERATING BUDGET FY 1985*

GOVERNMENTAL DIRECTION & SUPPORT
$283 million
12%

HUMAN SUPPORT SERVICES
$556 million
25%

PUBLIC EDUCATION SYSTEM
$496 million
22%

PUBLIC SAFETY & JUSTICE
$510 million
23%

OTHER
$405 million
18%

TOTAL APPROPRIATION = $2,250,106,000

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS =
$54 million
2%

*Source: Volume II District of Columbia FY 1986 Supporting Schedules.

Although the District's Public Safety and Justice Program, in which the Courts are included, receives 23% of the City's total operating budget, the Courts receive a mere 2% of the City's total operating budget.

## TABLE 2
## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS CASH REVENUE*

| | 1983 | 1984 |
|---|---|---|
| **Court of Appeals Fees** | $ 372,016 | $ 686,702 |
| **Superior Court Fees** | | |
| Civil Division | | |
| Civil Actions | $1,148,085 | $1,078,168 |
| Small Claims | 150,256 | 153,694 |
| Landlord and Tenant | 1,115,175 | 1,061,449 |
| Family Division | 185,223 | 183,196 |
| Tax Division | 6,408 | 9,551 |
| Probate Division | 678,269 | 606,455 |
| Marriage Bureau | 113,445 | 111,880 |
| Total Fees | $3,396,861 | $3,209,395 |
| **Superior Court Fines and Forfeitures** | | |
| Criminal Division | | |
| District of Columbia Offenses | $ 312,003 | $ 286,399 |
| United States Offenses | 335,577 | 269,857 |
| Traffic | 574,821 | 582,552 |
| Total Fines and Forfeitures | $1,222,401 | $1,138,808 |
| **Superior Court—Other Revenues, Interest and Unclaimed Deposits** | $ 344,921 | $ 376,918 |
| **Court System** | | |
| Court Reporter Transcript Fees | $ 12,583 | $ 14,903 |
| **Total Revenue to the D.C. General Fund** | $5,348,782 | $5,428,726 |

*All revenues collected by the Courts, monies for services, fees and forfeitures, are transmitted and deposited directly to the District's General Fund.

## TABLE 3
## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURTS RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

| | 1983 | | 1984 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Receipts | Disbursements | Receipts | Disbursements |
| **Court of Appeals** | $ 372,016 | $ 372,016 | $ 688,702 | $ 688,702 |
| **Superior Court** | | | | |
| Criminal Division | | | | |
| Fines and Forfeitures | $ 2,042,013 | $ 1,222,401 | $ 2,284,270 | $ 1,138,808 |
| Refunds and Transfers | — | 379,698 | — | 831,348 |
| Total | 2,042,013 | 1,602,099 | 2,284,270 | 1,970,156 |
| Civil Division | | | | |
| Fees | 2,413,516 | 2,413,516 | 2,293,311 | 2,293,311 |
| Escrow | 3,050,821 | 3,352,271 | 3,649,995 | 3,440,587 |
| Total | 5,464,337 | 5,765,787 | 5,943,306 | 5,733,898 |
| Family Division | | | | |
| Fees | 185,223 | 185,223 | 188,198 | 188,198 |
| Escrow | 11,839,491 | 11,829,085 | 12,845,978 | 12,846,075 |
| Total | 12,024,714 | 12,014,308 | 13,034,176 | 13,034,273 |
| Tax Division—Fees | 6,408 | 6,408 | 9,551 | 9,551 |
| Probate Division | | | | |
| Fees | 678,269 | 678,269 | 606,455 | 606,455 |
| Escrow | 447,580 | 447,580 | 220,123 | 220,123 |
| Total | 1,125,849 | 1,125,849 | 826,578 | 826,578 |
| Marriage Bureau—Fees | 113,445 | 113,445 | 111,880 | 111,880 |
| Other Revenue | | | | |
| Interest Earned | 176,993 | 176,993 | 205,614 | 205,614 |
| Unclaimed Deposits (exceeding two years) | — | 124,632 | — | 171,304 |
| Total | 176,993 | 301,625 | 205,614 | 376,918 |
| Total Superior Court | $20,953,759 | $20,929,521 | $22,415,375 | $22,063,254 |
| **Court System** | | | | |
| Court Reporter Division—Transcripts | $ 12,583 | $ 12,583 | $ 14,903 | $ 14,903 |
| **Grand Total—District of Columbia Courts** | $21,338,358 | $21,314,120 | $23,118,980 | $22,766,859 |

# EXHIBIT II

## COMPARISON OF CJA DISBURSEMENTS AND FUNDING BY SOURCE, FY 1981 - 1985

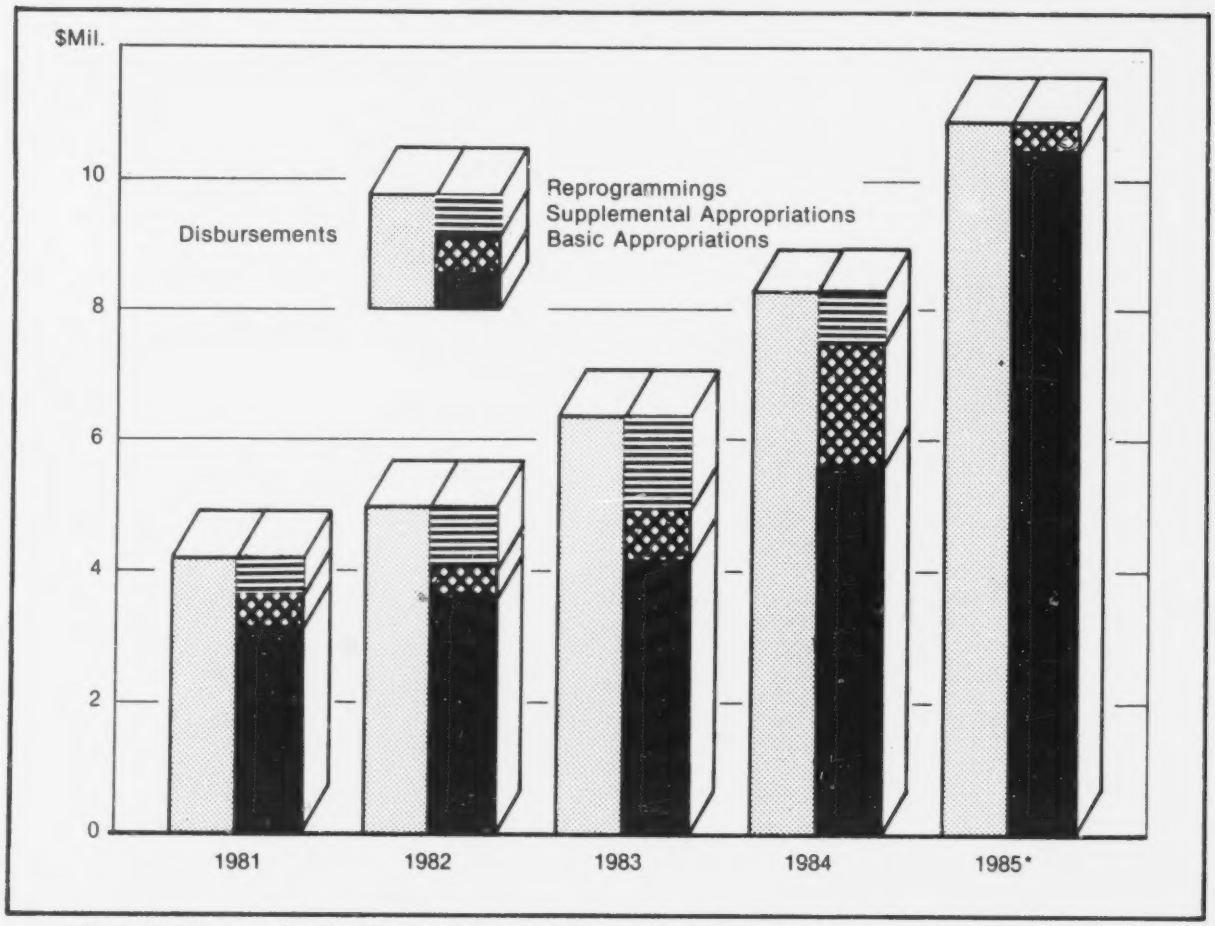
Under the provisions of the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) of 1974, the Courts are required to finance legal representation for adult indigents in criminal cases and for all indigent juveniles charged as delinquent or in need of supervision. Although the Public Defender Service provides some indigent services, the bulk of the appointments are to private attorneys serving under the CJA program. Expenses that must be covered, in addition to legal representation, include investigations, acquisition of transcripts, as well as expert services and other services necessary for an adequate defense.

Exhibit II reflects Criminal Justice Act appropriations and payments for Fiscal Years 1981 through 1985, including projections for reprogrammed monies and disbursements anticipated by the close of FY 1985. It seems clear that a pattern has been established whereby expenditure demands exceed funds originally appropriated, requiring that, each year, measures be taken to obtain supplemental and reprogrammed funding. The ever-mounting cost of operating the CJA program is dramatically illustrated in the accompanying graphic display.

| | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1985 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS | 4,188,500 | 4,980,000 | 6,354,600 | 8,188,700 | 10,862,000* |
| TOTAL FUNDING BY SOURCE | 4,188,500 | 4,980,000 | 6,354,600 | 8,190,000 | 10,862,000 |
| Basic Appropriations | 3,142,600 | 3,641,100 | 4,150,300 | 5,614,000 | 10,422,000 |
| Supplemental Appropriations | 521,800 | 458,500 | 749,700 | 1,828,000 | 440,000* |
| Reprogrammings | 524,100 | 880,400 | 1,454,600 | 748,000 | — |

* Projected amount.

## COMPARISON OF CJA DISBURSEMENTS AND FUNDING BY SOURCE, FY 1981 - 1985




* Projected amount for supplemental appropriations and disbursements.

# COURT OF APPEALS

# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS

*Chief Judge*

William C. Pryor

*Associate Judges*

John W. Kern III[1]
Frank Q. Nebeker
Julia Cooper Mack
Theodore R. Newman, Jr.
John M. Ferren
James A. Belson
John A. Terry
Judith W. Rogers

*Senior Judges*

Hubert B. Pair
Gerard D. Reilly
J. Walter Yeagley
George R. Gallagher

*Retired Judges*

Stanley S. Harris
Catherine B. Kelly

*Clerk of the Court*

Alan I. Herman

[1] Retired: May 25, 1984.

## JUDGES
## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS

Chief Judge William C. Pryor

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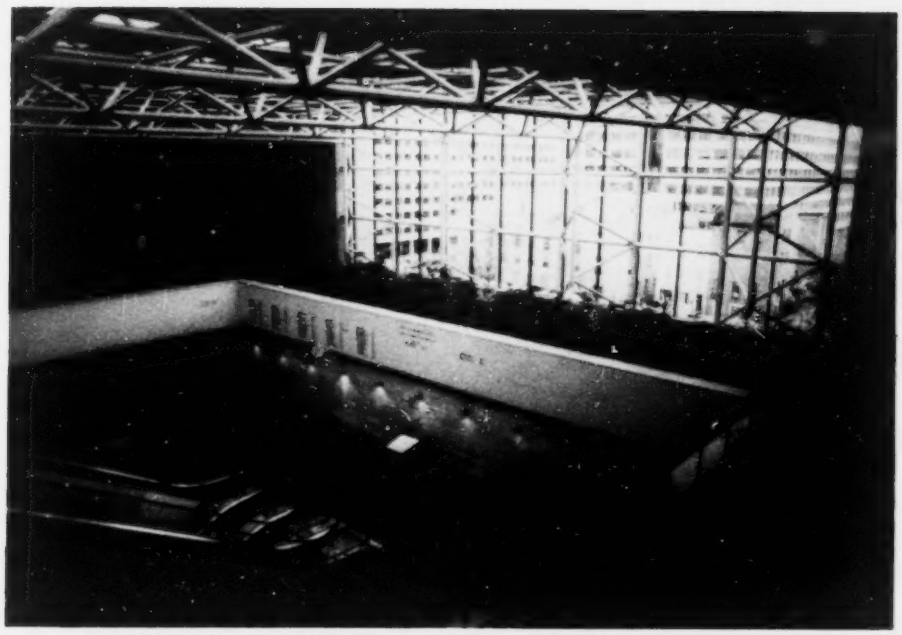

District of Columbia Courthouse . . . a view of the atrium.

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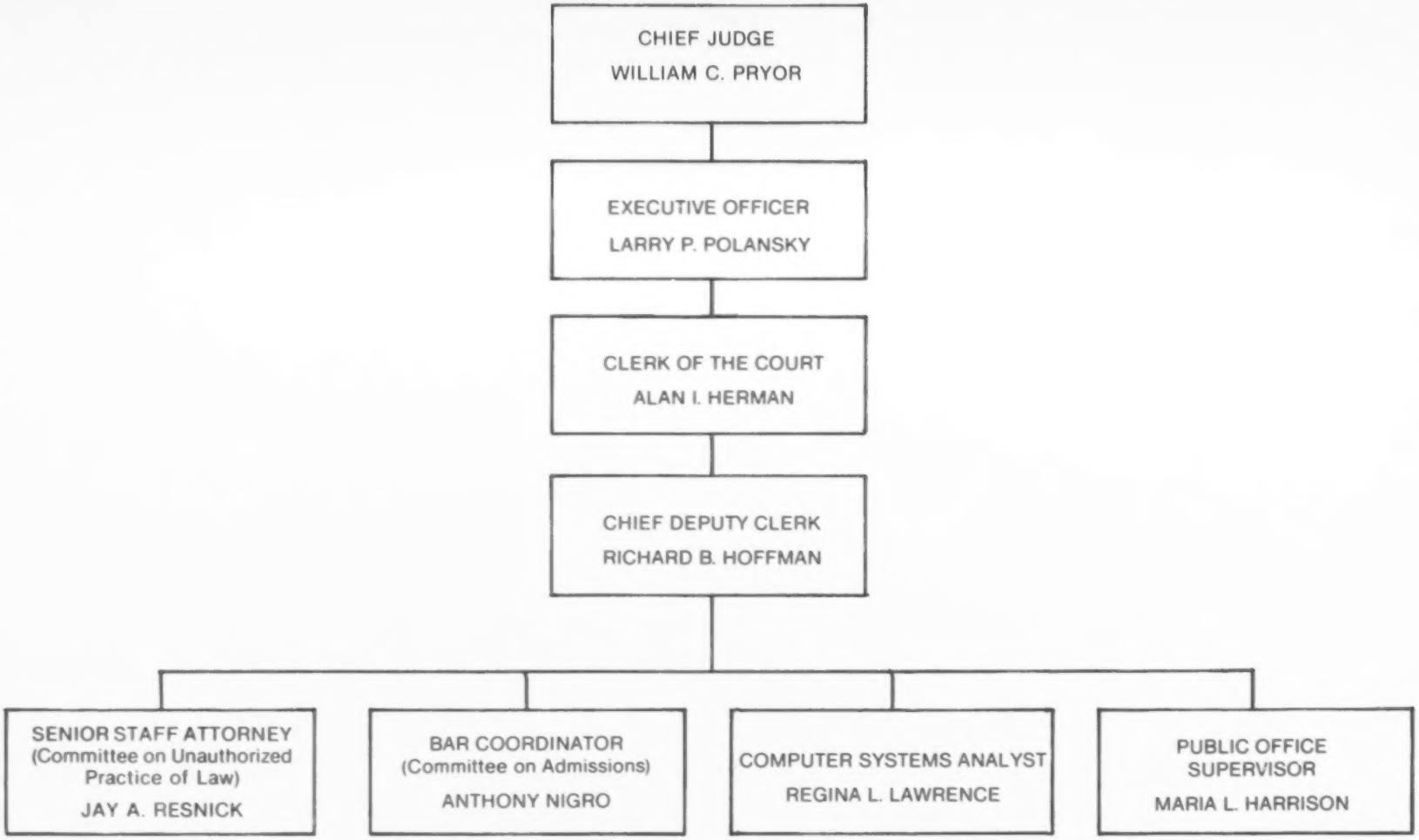
# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS
# ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE



# REPORT OF
# WILLIAM C. PRYOR, CHIEF JUDGE
# DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA COURT OF APPEALS

This annual report, the first of my tenure as Chief Judge, provides an opportunity to review the status of ongoing projects in the Court and to describe future plans for development and growth.

As in previous years, the primary issue facing the Court is our increasing backlog of cases and the steps to be taken to deal with it. Despite a judicial vacancy spanning over half the year, the Court of Appeals in 1984 disposed of nearly as many cases — 1,518 — as in 1983. Nevertheless, because of a record increase in new cases filed in 1984 — up more than 15% to 1,828 — our pending case load reached an all-time high of 2,081 cases. As a by-product of this, the average time from notice of appeal to decision on the merits increased from 487 to 513 days. Cases in all categories increased in 1984. Most notably, administrative appeals increased by 68%, civil cases by 18%, and criminal cases by 4%. This increase in cases can only be expected to continue due to the work of the seven new Superior Court judges who became active at the end of 1984.

The Court has acted aggressively to deal with the increased case load. To compensate for the vacancy on the Court, current judges have willingly undertaken additional sittings. Similarly, the Clerk's Office has sought to develop more efficient procedures, and the disposition of motions has been streamlined and expedited.

Another response to the case load has been a continuing exploration of new technologies to facilitate the work of the Court. In this area, good progress has been made on the development of our automated, multi-faceted, information system. The data processing component of this system has recently undergone necessary expansion through upgrade of its hardware and software components. As a result, the system now has the capability for automated docketing and scheduling, statistical analysis, and expanded management information reporting. Better administrative oversight and control is now possible because all cases are recorded and tracked through the automated docketing system.

Other technology at the Court, in use in each judge's chambers, are word processors. Use of these word processors has greatly aided the judges in preparation of opinions and other documents requiring numerous revisions. Significantly, changes in technology and an increasing work load require that our word processers be updated in the immediate future.

Over the past two years, our library has greatly benefitted by the addition of the Westlaw Legal Research System. The Westlaw system not only provides a "state-of-the-art" method for locating relevant law, but also gives us instant access to an expanded range of case law and statutory materials from other jurisdictions. This research tool has reduced the amount of time required to gather and synthesize legal material critical to the rendering of decisions.

Despite these measures, it is clear that additional steps are needed to deal with the Court's increasing number of cases. Thus, in 1985, assuming approval of our budget requests, a new procedure for affording certain cases expedited treatment will be implemented. This procedure, requiring additional budgetary outlays for new legal and clerical staff, will identify cases in the pre-briefing stage for expedited treatment and will supplement our current summary calendar.

Unfortunately, it is not expected that the implementation of the expedited appeal procedure will solve the problem of the Court's backlog. Thus, another major focus of attention will be the careful study of approaches to resolve the problem of our increasing inventory of cases in a comprehensive, long-term fashion.

In 1985, the work of the Court will be facilitated by the promulgation of completely revised *Rules* for the Court of Appeals. We are grateful to the Committee responsible for this first overall update of the *Rules* since Court Reorganization which included Judges Frank Q. Nebeker, John M. Ferren, John A. Terry, and Catherine B. Kelly (retired). This project, among others, was initiated by former Chief Judge Newman.

In other areas, steps have been taken to involve the Associate Judges of the Court in various areas important to the work of the Court. Thus, in the coming year, Judge Frank Q. Nebeker will act as liaison for the Committee on Unauthorized Practice; Judge Julia Cooper Mack will act as liaison for the Committee on Admissions; Judge Theodore R. Newman, Jr. will chair our Committee on ABA Amendments to the Code of Professional Responsibility; Judge John M. Ferren will act as liaison for the Board of Professional Responsibility; Judge James A. Belson will work on the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration; Judge John A. Terry will chair the Rules Committee; and, Judge Judith W. Rogers will

work on matters of budget. Ways are also being sought for retired judges to take an active role in these areas as well.

The implementation of a formal planning process — begun in previous years — continues to serve us well. Use of this management strategy led to identification of personnel management, training, and continuing education as areas requiring immediate attention. The formal planning process also focused attention on the need to improve our internal operating procedures. Improvement in these areas is ongoing. In tandem with these measures, the Court has expanded its professional support staff. As a result, we now have an Information Systems Analyst and Senior Staff Attorney on staff, and have access, through the Executive Office, to a Court Planner and Training Officer.

The Judicial Conference continues to be one of the most effective and productive meetings of the bench and bar, and an excellent source of continuing legal education. The Ninth Annual Judicial Conference, chaired by Judge James A. Belson, was devoted to a careful scrutiny of the proposed American Bar Association Model Rules of Professional Conduct. The Model Rules are now being studied by a special committee of the District of Columbia Bar for possible adoption. The Conference fostered wide-ranging and in-depth consideration of ethical issues, and made effective use of videotaped dramatizations of common situations in which ethical questions arise.

In addition to the Judicial Conference, plans are also underway to implement other programs for judicial education, and in some instances to accomplish this jointly with Judges of the Superior Court. To this end, seminars will be presented which will include persons from the academic community as well as jurists from other jurisdictions.

The year 1984 saw the retirement of John W. Kern as an Associate Judge of the Court. Judge Kern was appointed Dean of the National Judicial College in Reno, Nevada. Judge Kern was the most senior judge on our Court, having served on the Court of Appeals since 1969, and his experience and insight will be missed.

This report provides an opportunity to thank Judge Newman for his eight years of distinguished service as Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals. Judge Newman's tenure as Chief Judge saw enormous changes and improvements in the functioning of the Court. We are all grateful to Judge Newman for his strong leadership and bold vision.

Mindful of the challenges that lie ahead, I look forward to a successful coming year. Given the capable personnel working on behalf of the Court, and the administrative improvements underway, I am confident that our past achievements will be but a foundation for future accomplishments.

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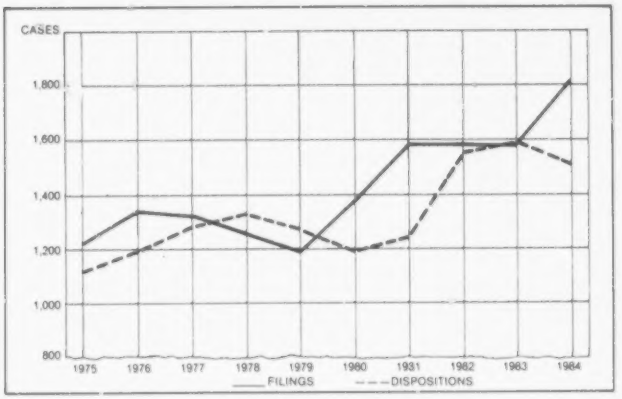


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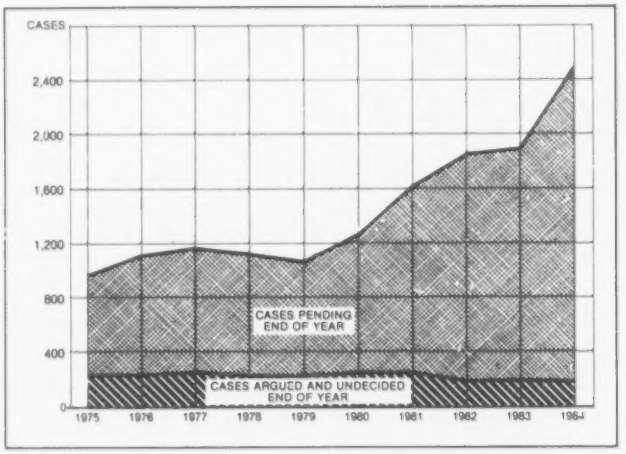


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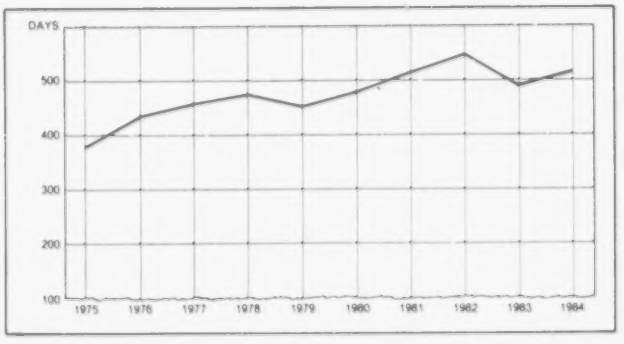

# COURT OF APPEALS
# CLERK OF THE COURT

The Clerk's Office of the Court of Appeals is charged with carrying out all administrative functions of the Court. Responsibilities include maintaining and monitoring the docket; calendaring; processing motions; publishing and distributing opinions, judgments, and orders; arranging settlement conferences; and providing legal and administrative support to judges on contested and substantive motions. Support for the Committee on Admissions, including the administration and grading of the bar examination, the Committee on Unauthorized Practice of Law, and the Board on Professional Responsibility is also provided by the Clerk's staff. The Clerk acts as secretary to the annual Judicial Conference of the District of Columbia Courts.

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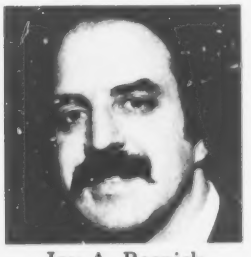

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## TABLE 4
## FILINGS BY CATEGORY AND RATIO TO DISPOSITIONS

| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Criminal | 826 | 684 | 666 | 574 | 719 | 771 | 690 | 720 | 748 |
| Civil | 346 | 473 | 375 | 419 | 434 | 537 | 598 | 534 | 629 |
| Agency | 170 | 170 | 152 | 124 | 134 | 204 | 191 | 207 | 348 |
| Special Proceedings | n/a | n/a | 76 | 79 | 82 | 73 | 106 | 75 | 46 |
| Disciplinary | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 35 | 39 |
| Rehearings Granted | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a | 9 | 18 |
| Total Filings | 1,342 | 1,327 | 1,269 | 1,196 | 1,369 | 1,585 | 1,585 | 1,580 | 1,828 |
| Total Dispositions | 1,197 | 1,288 | 1,331 | 1,278 | 1,194 | 1,235 | 1,546 | 1,587 | 1,518 |
| Ratio Dispositions/ Filings (%) | 89.2 | 97.1 | 104.9 | 106.9 | 87.2 | 77.9 | 97.5 | 100.4 | 83.0 |
| Applications for Allowance of Appeal | 108 | 95 | 113 | 127 | 66 | 81 | 131 | 106 | 85 |

## TABLE 5
## CRIMINAL APPEALS AS A PERCENTAGE OF CONVICTIONS AFTER TRIAL

| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number of Convictions After Trial (Jury or Bench) | 1,217 | 971 | 938 | 714 | 1,109 | 992 | 1,039 | 1,091 | 1,221 |
| Number of Criminal Appeals Filed | 826 | 684 | 666 | 574 | 719 | 771 | 690 | 720 | 748 |
| % Appeals to Convictions | 67.9 | 70.4 | 71.0 | 80.4 | 64.8 | 77.7 | 66.4 | 66.0 | 61.3 |

## TABLE 6
## DISPOSITIONS BY METHOD

| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| By Opinion | 307 | 279 | 352 | 319 | 240 | 224 | 305 | 298 | 322 |
| By Memorandum Opinion and Judgment | 297 | 393 | 376 | 334 | 373 | 412 | 507 | 505 | 485 |
| By Judgment Without Opinion | 76 | 81 | 64 | 66 | 58 | 35 | 69 | 72 | 57 |
| By Order | 517 | 535 | 539 | 559 | 523 | 564 | 665 | 712 | 654 |
| Total | 1,197 | 1,288 | 1,331 | 1,278 | 1,194 | 1,235 | 1,546 | 1,587 | 1,518 |

## TABLE 7
## MOTIONS

| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Procedural Motions | 3,935 | 4,691 | 4,863 | 4,757 | 3,922 | 4,607 | 4,225 | 4,635 | **4,993** |
| Substantive Motions | 1,737 | 1,609 | 1,388 | 1,303 | 1,343 | 1,433 | 1,465 | 1,527 | **1,940** |

## TABLE 8
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF TIME ON APPEAL*

| | Number of Days | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 |
| Overall Time on Appeal | 432 | 456 | 472 | 449 | 474 | 508 | 544 | 487 | **513** |
| **Stages of Appeal** | | | | | | | | | |
| Time from Notice of Appeal to Filing of Record | 85 | 105 | 128 | 127 | 137 | 149 | 170 | 175 | **171** |
| Time from Filing of Record to Completed Briefing | 133 | 137 | 150 | 142 | 151 | 166 | 161 | 156 | **178** |
| Time from Completed Briefing to Argument or Submission | 107 | 108 | 99 | 94 | 101 | 102 | 112 | 92 | **100** |
| Time from Argument or Submission to Decision | 124 | 123 | 114 | 112 | 105 | 114 | 110 | 82 | **83** |

* Only those cases which reach a particular stage of appeal are used to calculate the average time in that stage. All cases are included in the overall time on appeal. Therefore, the sum of the intermediate stages will not equal the overall time. Dispositions by order are not included in these statistics.

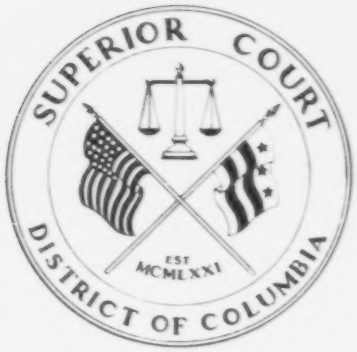
## TABLE 9
## BAR ADMISSIONS

| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Applications for Admission to Bar by Examination | | | | | | | | | |
| Number Filed | 1,094 | 1,134 | 1,925 | 2,623 | 3,063 | 3,468 | 3,220 | 2,907 | **1,321** |
| Number of Applications Withdrawn | 53 | 55 | 73 | 221 | 368 | 441 | 306 | 322 | **265** |
| Number of Applications Rejected | 7 | 12 | 7 | 12 | 7 | 10 | 5 | 5 | **3** |
| Number of Unsuccessful Applicants | 394 | 378 | 566 | 922 | 986 | 1,268 | 1,287 | 899 | **604** |
| Number of Successful Applicants | 636 | 692 | 1,279 | 1,468 | 1,702 | 1,749 | 1,464 | 1,686 | **552** |
| Number of Applicants Admitted | 662 | 714 | 1,226 | 1,506 | 1,727 | 1,812 | 1,548 | 1,774 | **686** |
| Applications for Admission to Bar by Motion | | | | | | | | | |
| Number Filed | 1,319 | 2,552 | 5,117 | 359 | 433 | 523 | 465 | 383 | **1,742** |
| Number of Applicants Admitted | 1,467 | 1,478 | 1,923 | 2,396 | 2,038 | 992 | 443 | 408 | **974** |
| Number of Applicants Rejected | 56 | 67 | 130 | 37 | 35 | 76 | 61 | 15 | **10** |
| Certificates of Good Standing | 1,693 | 1,860 | 1,953 | 2,336 | 3,887 | 3,254 | 3,031 | 3,536 | **3,434** |
| Certification for Law Student in Court Program | 390 | 335 | 369 | 362 | 405 | 393 | 358 | 301 | **342** |

## TABLE 10
## DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

| | 1976 | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Disbarments | 4 | 8 | 3 | 8 | 10 | 15 | 10 | 6 | **10** |
| Suspensions | 7 | 5 | 4 | 4 | 8 | 12 | 15 | 17 | **9** |
| Public Censure | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | 4 | 3 | 4 | **5** |
| Petitions for Reinstatement | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 1 | — | 3 | 1 | **—** |
| Petitions by Bar Counsel of Disciplinary Board to Conduct Formal Hearing | 8 | 6 | 25 | 26 | 37 | 46 | 61 | 42 | **32** |
| Miscellaneous Petitions | 5 | 2 | 2 | — | 1 | 1 | 5 | 3 | **1** |

# SUPERIOR COURT



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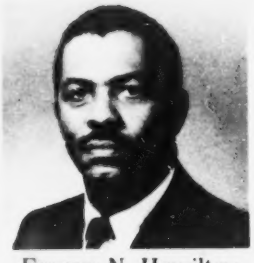

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District of Columbia Courthouse . . . as evening approaches.

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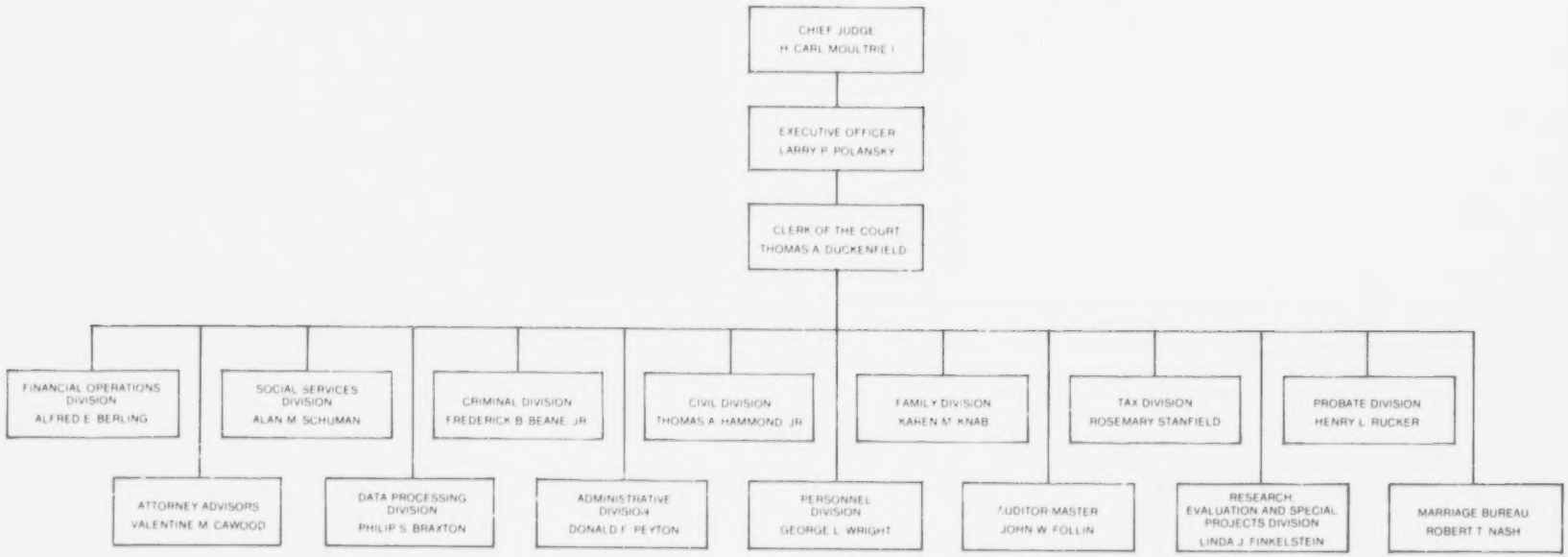


# REPORT OF
# H. CARL MOULTRIE I, CHIEF JUDGE
# SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

I must express the special honor and pride that I have felt in serving the Washington, D.C. community as Chief Judge of the Superior Court in 1984. Although there have been numerous organizational refinements and operational improvements effected during my six-year tenure, the Superior Court, in my opinion, experienced the most extensive change since reorganization during this past year.

Looking ahead for a moment, it is our intention that a biennial review of operations and statement of goals become the foundation upon which a formal planning process will be based. In effect, we have already established a regular planning cycle which coincides with the fiscal year budget and legislative package cycles. As a result of what we consider a well-developed plan, we are better able to articulate our objectives, outline strategies for accomplishing our goals, and identify the resources required to carry out a course of action. Experience dictates, however, that the path to achieving objectives presents many obstacles. As we strive to meet our ultimate goal of providing the best possible service to our community, we try to prioritize commitments in a manner that is cost-efficient yet permits the Court to accomplish its mission.

During 1984, the Honorable James A. Washington retired after many years of dedicated service to this Court. We bid him a fond farewell and extend our grateful thanks. After extensive efforts, authorization and funding for seven additional judgeships and partial support staff were granted by the United States Congress. As a result, and with a sense of pride and anticipation for the good work we expect from the excellent group of people appointed, we are pleased to welcome to the Superior Court Bench: Bruce D. Beaudin, Susan R. Holmes, Rufus King III, Colleen Kollar-Kotelly, Noel A. Kramer, Robert I. Richter, Emmet G. Sullivan, and Robert S. Tignor. We say good luck to the newest members of our judiciary, as they embark on this important phase of their already distinguished legal careers.

In order to accommodate increased manpower, it has become necessary to re-allocate some of our physical facilities. Until such time as appropriate adjustments and renovations can be accomplished in the D.C. Courthouse, space in the various buildings of the Judiciary Square Complex will be utilized. Accordingly, some courtrooms and chambers have been reopened to serve our needs in the interim period. Also, we are ever mindful of the importance of making the D.C. Courthouse and the services provided therein, readily available and accessible to everyone in our community. Therefore, as a measure to assist hearing-impaired persons, a number of telecommunications devices for the deaf have been installed. Additionally, a chair lift has been installed at the John Marshall entrance to aid our disabled citizens.

Speaking of facilities, we have found it necessary to increase the level of security in the Court's buildings. Precautionary measures have included the recent implementation of procedures requiring all persons to pass through a magnetometer upon entering the main Court building, and to pass all bags, briefcases, packages and other hand-held objects through x-ray machines located at each entrance. Further, surveillance cameras have been installed at critical security points.

In order to keep our judicial and non-judicial staff second to none,we continue to hold major educational training conferences. Additionally, an expanded comprehensive Judicial Orientation Program was developed and presented during a two-week period in November. Undoubtedly, this will prove valuable to the eight judges who recently joined the Court. Concurrent with every judicial training program, a courtwide training day has also been held with curricula touching on a wide variety of subjects including health issues, job skills enhancement, and managerial concerns. The general scope of training has been designed to benefit as many employees as possible. We realize that the fullest development of our most valuable resource—our employees—is necessary in order to fully accomplish our goals.

The Third Annual Employee Recognition and Awards Banquet, an event which has become an anticipated highlight and is well on the way to becoming a tradition, was held during the spring. This event, which is almost self-supporting, provides one small way in which tribute can be paid to personnel who have made outstanding contributions to our Courts. In addition, this delightful evening of fellowship serves to enhance a spirit of true comraderie and promotes employee morale.

The Superior Court is committed to utilizing state-of-the-art technologies in an effort to maintain pace with a burgeoning work load. In an attempt, this year, to "work smarter" as well as "harder", basic word processing units have been installed. Accordingly, staff training has been accomplished—initially on an individual basis, followed by classroom instruction. Existing word processing applications will be evaluated annually with a view toward enhancement as well as expansion.

The Data Processing Division of the Superior Court continued to make steady progress during 1984 as a number of computer applications were completed and significant progress recorded on others. An on-line Attorney Status Information System was implemented, which allows Court officials to determine the 'practicing status' and address of all District of Columbia Bar members. Also, the Statistical Analysis System (SAS) was installed on the Court's computer system in March, and is being effectively used by our Research Group. All systems analysis and programming was completed to allow for the modernization of the Court's Intrafamily Case System. Now, the division responsible for updating the computer will do so directly through on-line terminals in work station locations. The Civil Division's Case Load Tracking and Docketing System (CIVIL/IDMS) began "pilot" testing in October. Members of the Division have been trained in the use of the system and will begin processing the Civil Actions case load via the new system in the first quarter of 1985. System analysis and design work was completed for an on-line Court Reporter Statistical System, which is expected to be operational during 1985. Although lack of resources prohibited implementation of a comprehensive Probate System, a design specification for a limited-capability information retrieval system was completed in December 1984, with work on this interim Probate System scheduled to begin in June of 1985.

The Court Reporter and Probate Systems are of particular note in that they have been planned to reflect the "merger" of data processing and micrographic technologies. Data processing applications will include the creation and maintenance of indices for source documents captured in entirety via microform media. Micrographic systems of various types, selected on the basis of user end-product requirements, continue to convert massive paper-based storage systems to more durable and cost-effective microform media.

We are rightly proud of the participation of several of our personnel as "experts" in various aspects of automation at the first national conference on the use of technology in a modern court environment. I refer here to the National Conference on Technology in the Courts, sponsored by a cadre of professional organizations and coordinated by the National Center for State Courts, held at Chicago in late April. Representatives from the D.C. Courts were invited to address the Conference, with particular emphasis on state-of-the-art data processing and micrographics applications.

The concept of a comprehensive records retention and disposition schedule is, of course, integral to the optimal application of automation to recordkeeping. During the year, existing retention and disposition guidelines were analyzed in terms of present-day requirements. A survey was conducted which reflects actual recordkeeping practices throughout the organization. As a result, the current "Records Retention and Disposition Schedule" was formulated, circulated for review, and put into effect.

A number of developments materialized during the year which have had the potential to affect the operations of the Social Services Division. Among those developments was the previously mentioned addition of seven judges, as well as the repeal of the Federal Youth Corrections Act in October. However, the Division is making adjustments from within in an attempt to maintain pace with an increasing case load. Additionally, whenever possible, improved technology was activated to compensate for increases and improve efficiency. For instance, immediate access to adult case information became available via computer terminals. Additional word processors and printers were installed in the award-winning Report Production Center, and significant progress was made in achieving an Adult and Intrafamily Probation Activity Reporting System.

Another area of operations which has undergone diligent scrutiny and evaluation is the Jury System, with particular attention to the possible adoption of a "One Trial/One Day" jury management program (whereby jurors serve either for the duration of one trial or one day, whichever lasts longer). Although the jury program of the Superior Court has consistently reflected or exceeded national standards, we are always looking for ways to improve the efficiency and level of service to our community. Therefore, a pilot project to test the feasibility of the "One Trial/One Day" concept in our jurisdiction was initiated consisting of eight test days occurring intermittently over a period of six months, running parallel to the regular two-week term of jury service.

It was concluded that the "One Trial/One Day" jury concept would be instrumental in achieving greater citizen participation as well as in providing

a more representative cross-section of the community. Well-received by jurors, judges, attorneys and litigants alike, such a policy could be implemented in the Superior Court with additional, but not significant, costs. Increased expenditures would, nevertheless, be somewhat offset by the use of modern technology and greater efficiency in the management of jurors under the "One Trial/One Day" system. In fact, it is estimated that the total number of juror hours would actually be slightly decreased in light of the increased efficiency possible in estimating juror usage under the "One Trial/One Day" process. Currently, the Executive Office is developing a legislative proposal to formulate and introduce requisite statutory changes in the jury system. In conjunction with this effort, detailed written procedures for the "One Trial/One Day" program are being prepared.

In consideration of the importance of participation in the development of legislation with potential impact upon our judicial system, key legislative items are now routinely analyzed and corresponding summaries are circulated to all of our judges. As part of our active stance, a formal package containing a number of significant legislative initiatives was prepared and submitted for the first time in 1982, and it is intended that this practice will continue as part of a regular, biennial cycle. The direct result of this initial action is that the following measures, which promise to bear major ramifications, have already been instituted: a changing of the mandatory retirement age of a judge from 70 to 74; an increase by seven in the number of judges sitting in the Superior Court; and, a raising of the small claims maximum jurisdictional amount from $750 to $2,000.

We are pleased that the American Bar Association, with assistance from the District of Columbia Bar, has selected the Superior Court as one of three sites (the other two are located in Houston and Tulsa) to administer a model pilot project, the "Multi-Door Dispute Resolution Program." While a number of alternative programs actually exist in most metropolitan areas, citizens are not typically aware of them nor do they know which of the many available options would best suit their needs. The Multi-Door concept was specifically developed to make it easier for citizens to find the most appropriate way to resolve disputes and to raise the level of satisfaction with the outcome of their efforts.

An Intake Center will be opened in the D.C. Courthouse, in January 1985, to serve as a point of access to an integrated system for screening and referral to programs offering non-traditional dispute resolution techniques such as mediation, arbitration and conciliation, as well as to programs designed to include traditional legal remedies. Intake Center staff will provide individualized assistance to District residents, enabling them to be cognizant of, and therefore consider, the full range of available options.

The first new "door" or dispute resolution option to be offered by the Superior Court program will be small claims mediation. Beginning in early spring of 1985, litigants will be able to have a small claims case heard by mediators carefully trained by the Center for Community Justice. Other citizens involved in small claims-type disputes will be able to have their disagreements mediated prior to the actual filing of the case with the Court. All mediation services will be available at no cost to parties.

As another facet of our ongoing effort to ensure the fair and timely disposition of matters brought before this Court, a Sentencing Guidelines Commission comprised of judges, legislators, criminal justice officials and citizens was appointed February 7, 1984 to examine felony offenses and develop appropriate sentencing ranges for each of them. Commission members have participated in a series of meetings which, to date, have focused on offense seriousness ranking and criminal history. Additionally, to guide the Commission in its work, the project staff has collected and analyzed data on all felony sentences imposed for a six-month period in the Superior Court. It is expected that a complete set of guidelines will be submitted to the Board of Judges by October 1985.

In an effort to make suitable provision for the dissemination of information relative to Court operations and matters of particular interest to the general public, a Media Committee was established to discuss issues of concern to the media, the Bar, and the Court and to consider the development of guidelines for the use of cameras in the courtroom. Regular monthly meetings are now being held which are intended to serve as a forum for advising news media and citizens alike on the business of the Court. A subcommittee has drawn up and presented a set of recommmendations for the development of guidelines to steer a proposed eighteen-month pilot program to permit television and photographic activity in the D.C. Courthouse.

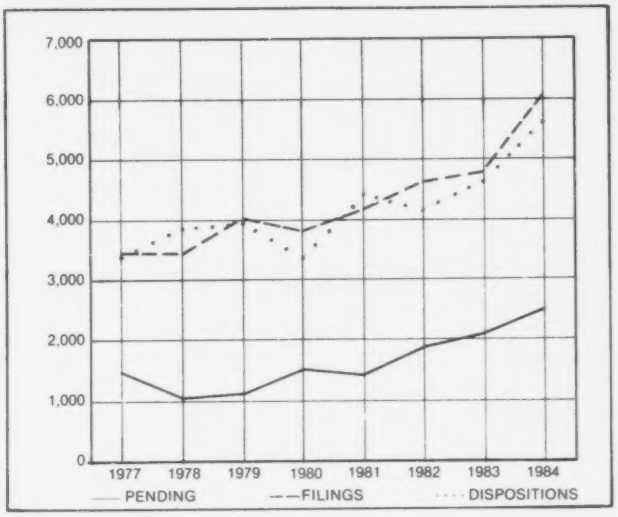
**The Communicator**, our in-house newsletter published primarily for and by our employees, provides an excellent medium for opening internal lines of communication throughout the organization. This monthly publication, initiated in January 1984, disseminates information relevant to the personal and workplace needs of the employee and keeps all staff up-to-date on Court activities.

We are happy to state that the Superior Court has sharpened its focus and direction over the last six years. A determined effort to improve the quality of services rendered to our community began with a rigorous analysis of existing operations and procedures; the subsequent phase brought refinement and expansion of various elements of the organization wherever possible; and as the next logical step, the Superior Court began to address manpower needs by successfully pursuing seven additional judgeships for a total of fifty-one members of the trial court bench as of November 1984. The enhancement of our judicial ranks represented one very important step in a closely linked progression of events in our attempt to sustain our Court as a leader among forward-looking judicial systems. The next steps must, however, be geared toward getting the District and the Congress to provide adequate and professional support staff. With the reasonable staff additions which we are pursuing, we will be able to serve our Capital City wisely and well through this period of massive technological changes and huge increases in every area of litigation. It is our sincere plan to serve our Capital City with sound wisdom and clear vision as we continue to move rapidly through this decade.

## EXHIBIT VI: ANALYSIS OF MAJOR CASE LOAD TRENDS 1977 - 1984

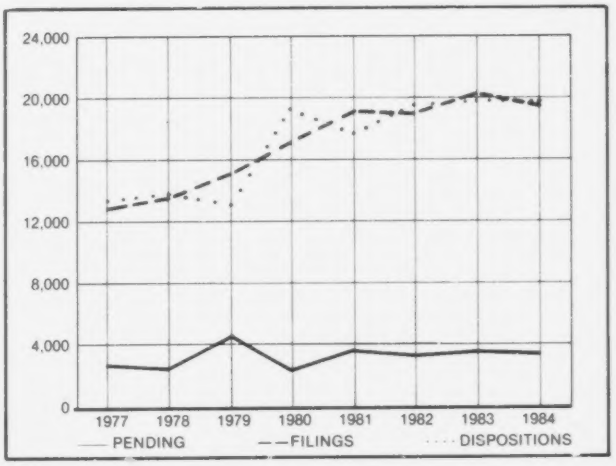
### FELONY CASES

A 26.4% rise (1,100 cases) in new case filings coupled with a 165 case increase in reinstated cases contributed to an all-time high of 6,035 total cases filed and reinstated in 1984, a 26.5% (1,265 cases) increase over 1983. Although dispositions increased by 21.6% (995 cases) this was not enough to offset the marked growth in the number of filings which resulted in an increase in the pending case load of 21.2% (436 cases) at the conclusion of the year.



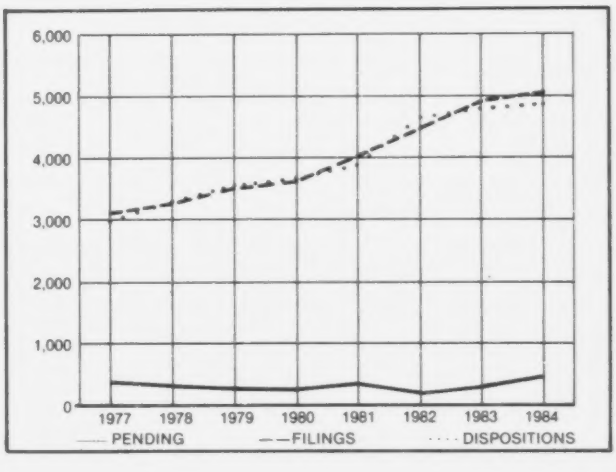

### U.S. MISDEMEANOR CASES

During 1984, new case filings declined by 6.8% (1,174 cases); the number of court trials and jury trials increased by 60.1% (184 cases) and 13.6% (77 cases), respectively; and, pleas declined by 8.3% (594 cases). Although there was relatively little change from 1983 in the number of dispositions, the cumulative result was a decline in the number of U.S. misdemeanor cases pending at year-end of 4.9% (172 cases).



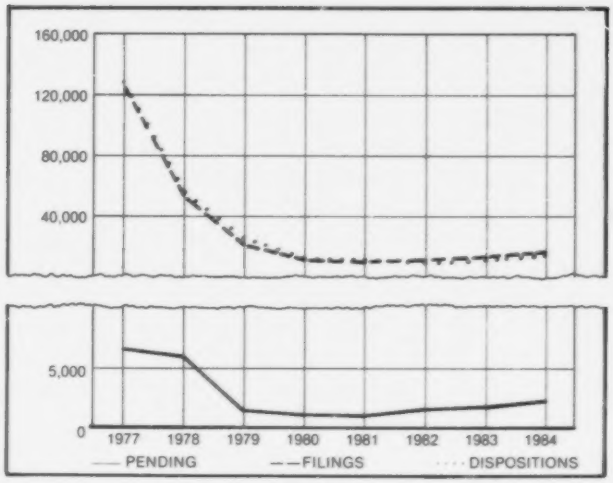

### D.C. MISDEMEANOR CASES

For the seventh successive year, the number of D.C. misdemeanor case filings continued to rise, registering an increase of 2.7% (132 cases) for 1984. Although there was a slight increase of 0.5% (23 cases) in the number of dispositions, this was not sufficient to offset the increase in filings and resulted in an increase of 196 cases (71.8%) in the pending case load, thereby continuing the upward trend of the past two years.



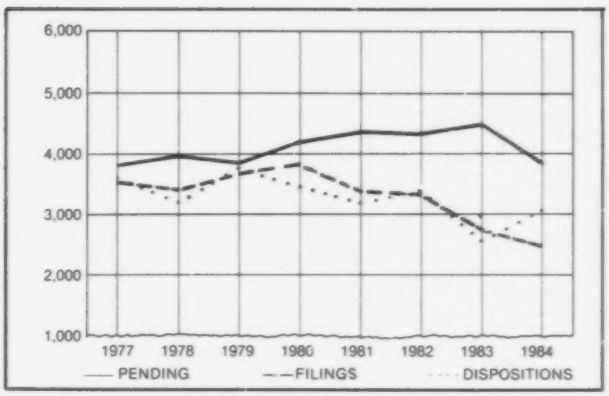
## MAJOR AND MINOR TRAFFIC CASES

Major and minor traffic case filings rose for the third consecutive year, resulting in an increase of 14.9% (2,034 cases) in filings during 1984. Therefore, although the number of dispositions increased by 10.5% (1,425 cases), the pending case load sustained an increase of 42.4% (673 cases).



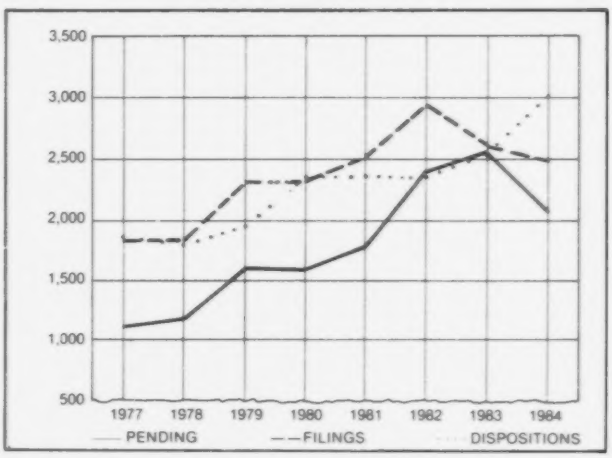

## CIVIL JURY CASES AT ISSUE

There was an 18.3% (470 cases) increase in the number of civil jury case dispositions for the year. The effect of this movement, when combined with a concurrent decline in filings of 10.8% (298 cases), was a 13.5% (602 cases) reduction in the pending case load from an all-time high of 4,465 cases in 1983 to 3,863 cases at the end of 1984.



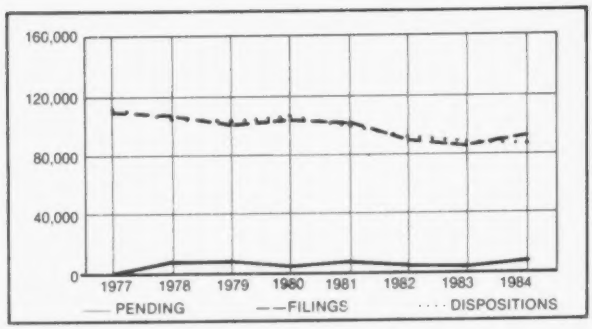

## CIVIL NON-JURY CASES AT ISSUE

There was a sharp rise of 18.7% (474 cases) in the number of civil non-jury cases disposed and a correlate decline of 5.5% (145 cases) in filings for 1984. The net result was a decline of 18.7% (480 cases) in the pending case load for the year.



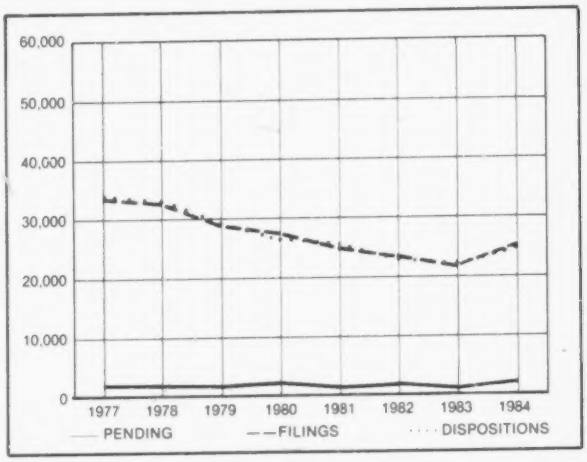
## LANDLORD AND TENANT CASES

The volume of the landlord and tenant activity continued at a high level, with 92,019 cases filed and 88,550 cases disposed during the year. As a general rule, activity in this case load tends to be rather consistent with dispositions closely paralleling filings. However, in 1984 filings increased somewhat sharply by 7.4% (6,306 cases) while dispositions continued at nearly the same rate. The net effect of this occurrence was a 3,469 case rise in the pending case load to 6,097 cases.



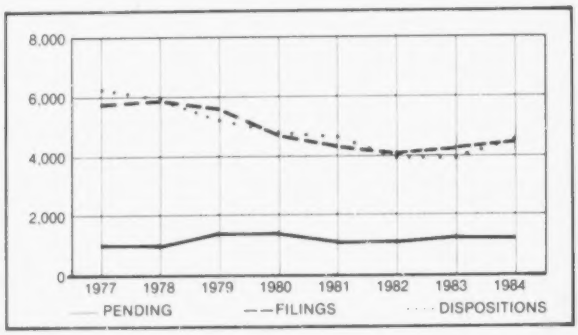

## SMALL CLAIMS CASES

During 1984, the number of small claims cases filed rose by 16.5% (3,585 cases), and the number of dispositions rose by 12.4% (2,715 cases). The pending case load, however, registered an increase of 47.9% (660 cases). On November 1, an increase in the small claims jurisdictional limit became effective, raising the ceiling for small claims matters to $2,000. It is anticipated that this measure will have a significant impact on both the small claims as well as the civil actions case loads.



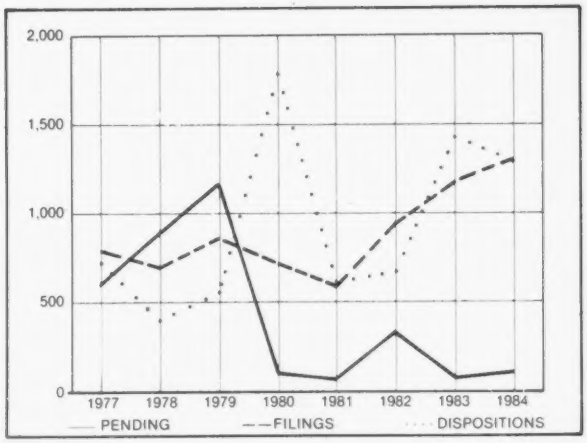

## JUVENILE CASES

As a general rule, the number of juvenile case filings tends to parallel the number of dispositions for any given year. However, during 1984, a rise in the number of juvenile cases filed, 3.1% (129 cases) was offset by a greater increase in the number of dispositions, 7.7% (304 cases), yielding a slight decrease of 0.2% (2 cases) in the number of cases pending at year-end.



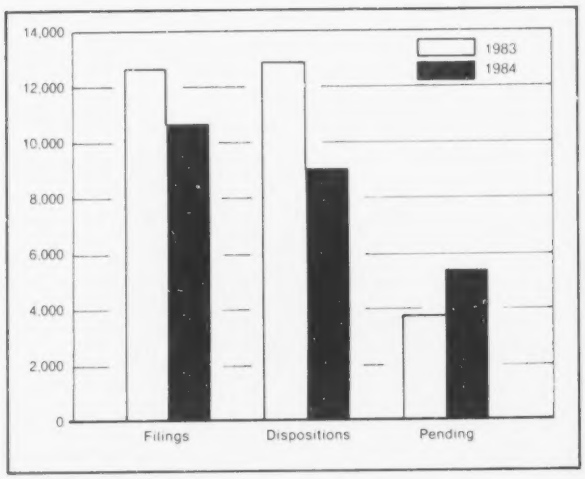
## INTRAFAMILY CASES

Intrafamily case filings rose by 12.2% (119 cases) while the number of reactivated cases decreased by 9.4% (20 cases) during 1984. A concomitant decline of 10.7% (154 cases) in dispositions brought the year to a close with the pending case load balance increased by 34.7% (26 cases).




## DOMESTIC RELATIONS CASES

For 1984, filings of domestic relations cases declined by 15.4% (1,939 cases) — in tandem with dispositions, which decreased by 29.1% (3,731 cases). The effect on the balance of cases pending was an increase of 42.1% (1,597 cases).



## EXHIBIT VII: JURY MANAGEMENT

As the comparative statistics in these three charts indicate, Superior Court juror usage has remained at relatively high levels from 1980 through 1984. Factors such as the size of the court, the average length of trials and the complexity of the cases all impact upon the conformance of a court to the suggested national standards. These criteria serve as excellent indicators of a system's general performance. Through continuing statistical analysis and controlled experimentation, the Court intends to further improve the efficiency and integrity of our jury system.

### PETIT JUROR UTILIZATION

| | 1980 | | 1981 | | 1982 | | 1983 | | 1984 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Total | Daily Average | Total | Daily Average | Total | Daily Average | Total | Daily Average | Total | Daily Average |
| Number of Days Jurors Reported | 244 | — | 241 | — | 241 | — | 243 | — | 242 | — |
| Number of Jurors Serving | 78,102 | 320 | 76,810 | 319 | 80,107 | 332 | 86,542 | 356 | 86,693 | 358 |
| Number of Panel Requests | 1,845 | 7.6 | 1,561 | 6.5 | 1,740 | 7.2 | 1,481 | 6.1 | 1,412 | 5.8 |
| Number of Jurors Sent to Voir Dire | 60,388 | 247 | 54,427 | 256 | 58,717 | 244 | 53,373 | 220 | 51,083 | 211 |
| Number of Carryovers | 41,598 | 170 | 40,577 | 168 | 45,152 | 187 | 50,574 | 208 | 50,696 | 209 |
| Number Selected/Serving on Panels | 19,612 | 80 | 17,292 | 72 | 19,461 | 81 | 17,933 | 74 | 17,708 | 73 |
| Number of Times Judges Waited for Panels | 558 | — | 326 | — | 556 | — | 390 | — | 541 | — |

## JUROR UTILIZATION MEASURES

| Measure | National Standard | Superior Court of District of Columbia | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 |
| Voir Dire Attendance | Greater than 100%. | 165% | 150% | 168% | 148% | 142% |
| Sworn Jurors | Greater than 50%. | 54% | 48% | 56% | 50% | 49% |
| Overcall | Less than 20%. | 12% | 13% | 11% | 15% | 16% |
| Panel Calls Per Day | Greater than 3. | 7.6 | 6.5 | 7.2 | 6.1 | 5.8 |
| Zero Panel Call Days | Less than 10%.[a] | 1.2% | 0.8% | 0.4% | 0.0% | 0.4% |

[a] No panel calls on less than 10% of the days.

## PANEL UTILIZATION

| Type of Case | 1980 | | 1981 | | 1982 | | 1983 | | 1984 | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Panels Sent | Trials Held[a] | Panels Sent | Trials Held[a] | Panels Sent | Trials Held[a] | Panels Sent | Trials Held[a] | Panels Sent | Trials Held[a] |
| Felony | 511 | 508 | 606 | 599 | 539 | 551 | 594 | 618 | 576 | 630 |
| Misdemeanor | 1,101 | 911 | 703 | 667 | 933 | 838 | 631 | 597 | 603 | 660 |
| Civil | 233 | 173 | 250 | 152 | 271 | 195 | 256 | 160 | 233 | 169 |
| Total | 1,845 | 1,592 | 1,559 | 1,418 | 1,743 | 1,584 | 1,481 | 1,375 | 1,412 | 1,459 |

[a] Represents defendants.

## SUPERIOR COURT
## CLERK OF THE COURT

Thomas A. Duckenfield
Clerk of the Court

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Special Assistant
Clerk of the Court

The Clerk of the Superior Court has responsibility for the management of the day-to-day operations of the judicial support units which include the Civil, Criminal, Family, Probate, and Tax Divisions as well as the Attorney Advisor, Auditor-Master, Juror Office, Library and Marriage Bureau. The judicial support functions involve maintaining and securing all court records, dockets and evidence; scheduling cases and preparing daily calendars; providing courtroom support; giving legal research and administrative support to the Court Rules Committee and its several Advisory Committees; administering juror services; coordinating appeals; auditing matters before the Court as prescribed by statute and/or upon referral by the Court; issuing marriage licenses and performing marriages; and operating the Library.

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# TABLE 11
# SUMMARY OF COURT ACTIVITY FOR 1984

| | Balance Pending January 1 | Cases Filed January 1 through December 31 | Cases Reactivated and Reinstated | Cases Available for Disposition | Cases Disposed of January 1 through December 31 | Balance Pending December 31 | % Change in Balance Pending 1983 - 1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Criminal Division** | | | | | | | |
| Felony Indictments | 2,052 | 5,261 | 774 | 8,087 | 5,599 | 2,488 | 21.2 |
| Felony Preindictments | 143 | 8,736 | 101 | 8,980 | 8,754 | 226 | 58.0 |
| U.S. Misdemeanors | 3,500 | 16,169 | 3,464 | 23,133 | 19,805 | 3,328 | – 4.9 |
| D.C. Misdemeanors | 273 | 4,519 | 529 | 5,321 | 4,852 | 469 | 71.8 |
| Special Proceedings | 40 | 1,856 | 29 | 1,925 | 1,875 | 50 | 25.0 |
| Traffic | 1,586 | 11,606 | 4,073 | 17,265 | 15,006 | 2,259 | 42.4 |
| Total | 7,594 | 48,147 | 8,970 | 64,711 | 55,891 | 8,820 | 16.1 |
| **Civil Division** | | | | | | | |
| Civil Actions | 7,028 | 4,814[a] | 142 | 11,984 | 6,038 | 5,946 | – 15.4 |
| Landlord and Tenant | 2,628 | 84,817 | 7,202 | 94,647 | 88,550[d] | 6,097 | 132.0 |
| Small Claims | 1,377 | 24,741 | 582 | 26,700 | 24,663 | 2,037 | 47.9 |
| Total | 11,033 | 114,372 | 7,926 | 133,331 | 119,251[d] | 14,080 | 27.6 |
| **Family Division** | | | | | | | |
| Juvenile | 1,240 | 4,264 | – | 5,504 | 4,266 | 1,238 | – 0.2 |
| Intrafamily | 100 | 1,094 | 192 | 1,386 | 1,285 | 101 | 1.0 |
| Neglect | 152 | 492 | 5,442 | 6,086 | 5,873 | 213 | 40.1 |
| Domestic Relations[b] | 3,795 | 6,059 | 4,630 | 14,484 | 9,092 | 5,392 | 42.1 |
| Mental Health | 149 | 1,646 | – | 1,795 | 1,595 | 200 | 34.2 |
| Mental Retardation[c] | 166 | 40 | 1,939 | 2,145 | 2,017 | 128 | – 22.9 |
| Total | 5,602 | 13,595 | 12,203 | 31,400 | 24,128 | 7,272 | 29.8 |
| **Tax Division** | | | | | | | |
| Criminal | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Civil | 429 | 166 | 7 | 602 | 426 | 176 | – 59.0 |
| Total | 429 | 166 | 7 | 602 | 426 | 176 | – 59.0 |
| **Auditor-Master** | 120 | 66 | — | 186 | 85 | 101 | – 15.8 |
| **Probate** | 6,349 | 3,014 | — | 9,363 | 2,499 | 6,864 | 8.1 |
| Grand Total | 31,127 | 179,360 | 29,106 | 239,593 | 202,280[d] | 37,313 | 19.9 |

| | Case Load January 1 | Cases Assigned January 1 through December 31 | Total Case Load | Cases Removed January 1 through December 31 | Case Load December 31 | % Change in Case Load 1983 - 1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Social Services Division** | | | | | | |
| Adult Services | 9,957[e] | 9,225 | 19,182 | 8,469 | 10,713 | 7.6 |
| Intrafamily Services | 223 | 107 | 330 | 148 | 182 | – 18.4 |
| Juvenile Services | 723[e] | 939 | 1,662 | 765 | 897 | 24.1 |
| Diversion: | | | | | | |
| Community Services | 419 | 1,497 | 1,916 | 1,539 | 377 | – 10.0 |
| Monitored Cases | 9 | 53 | 62 | 21 | 41 | 355.6 |
| Total | 11,331[e] | 11,821 | 23,152 | 10,942 | 12,210 | 7.8 |

[a] Civil Actions filing figure reflects only those cases that have been joined and placed on the ready calendar (at issue).

[b] Active cases, i.e., cases with a hearing pending.

[c] The Court retains jurisdiction over all mental retardation cases until (1) a mentally retarded individual dies, (2) there is a voluntary request for discharge, (3) a parent or guardian requests discharge, or (4) the Mental Retardation Commission dismisses the petition. Consequently, the number of dispositions is not an accurate reflection of the work load of the Mental Retardation Branch.

[d] This figure reflects an adjustment of 1,740 cases.

[e] Figure adjusted.

## EXHIBIT VIII

### MAJOR CASE ACTIVITY
### JANUARY 1 TO DECEMBER 31, 1984

| Case Type | Cases Pending January 1 | Filings and Reinstatements | Dispositions | Cases Pending December 31 | Percent Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| U.S. Misdemeanors | 3,500 | 19,633 | 19,805 | 3,328 | – 4.9 |
| Felony Indictments | 2,052 | 6,035 | 5,599 | 2,488 | 21.2 |
| Civil Actions | 7,028 | 4,956 | 6,038 | 5,946 | – 15.4 |
| Juvenile | 1,240 | 4,264 | 4,266 | 1,238 | – 0.2 |
| Divorce | 2,133 | 3,057 | 2,784 | 2,406 | 12.8 |
| Support | 1,301 | 4,143 | 3,396 | 2,048 | 57.4 |
| TOTAL | 17,254 | 42,088 | 41,888 | 17,454 | 1.2 |

## TABLE 12
## COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF NEW CASE FILINGS

| Division | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Criminal Division** | | | | | | | | | |
| Felony Indictments | 3,044 | 3,083 | 3,655 | 3,138 | 3,631 | 3,934 | 4,161 | 5,261 | 26.4 |
| Felony Preindictments | 7,702 | 6,486 | 6,935 | 6,994 | 7,319 | 7,078 | 7,066 | 8,736 | 23.6 |
| U.S. Misdemeanors | 11,982 | 12,022 | 13,709 | 13,813 | 15,578 | 16,179 | 17,343 | 16,169 | – 6.8 |
| D.C. Misdemeanors | 2,995 | 3,138 | 3,431 | 3,475 | 3,813 | 4,244 | 4,467 | 4,519 | 1.2 |
| Special Proceedings | 1,857 | 1,691 | 1,702 | 1,847 | 1,899 | 2,154 | 1,873 | 1,856 | – 0.9 |
| Traffic[a] | 94,592 | 39,802 | 18,309 | 9,410 | 8,413 | 8,348 | 10,297 | 11,606 | 12.7 |
| Total | 122,172 | 66,222 | 47,741 | 38,677 | 40,653 | 41,937 | 45,207 | 48,147 | 6.5 |
| **Civil Division** | | | | | | | | | |
| Civil Actions | 12,862 | 14,063 | 16,607 | 17,705 | 18,587 | 16,569 | 15,486 | 14,443 | – 6.7 |
| Landlord & Tenant | 110,461 | 107,701 | 102,497 | 104,792 | 101,825 | 89,694 | 84,222 | 84,817 | 0.7 |
| Small Claims | 25,833 | 26,708 | 26,284 | 24,957 | 23,364 | 22,594 | 21,142 | 24,741 | 17.0 |
| Total | 149,156 | 148,472 | 145,388 | 147,454 | 143,776 | 128,857 | 120,850 | 124,001 | 2.6 |
| **Family Division** | | | | | | | | | |
| Juvenile | 5,750 | 5,882 | 5,573 | 4,731 | 4,323 | 4,012 | 4,129 | 4,264 | 3.3 |
| Intrafamily | 815 | 693 | 810 | 724 | 581 | 800 | 975 | 1,094 | 12.2 |
| Neglect | 539 | 502 | 466 | 590 | 436 | 432 | 470 | 492 | 4.7 |
| Domestic Relations | 6,632 | 6,608 | 7,081 | 7,888 | 8,733 | 8,143 | 8,487 | 6,059 | – 28.6 |
| Mental Health | — | — | — | — | 823 | 1,527 | 1,596 | 1,646 | 3.1 |
| Mental Retardation | — | — | — | — | 283 | 712 | 26 | 40 | 53.8 |
| Total | 13,736 | 13,685 | 13,930 | 13,933 | 15,179 | 15,626 | 15,683 | 13,595 | – 13.3 |
| **Tax Division** | | | | | | | | | |
| Criminal Tax Cases | 363 | 370 | 258 | 6[b] | 8 | 5 | — | — | — |
| Civil Tax Cases | 58 | 153 | 185 | 201 | 77 | 94 | 135 | 166 | 23.0 |
| Total | 421 | 523 | 443 | 207[b] | 85 | 99 | 135 | 166 | 23.0 |
| **Auditor-Master** | 1,567 | 1,612 | 1,676 | 1,679 | 436 | 130 | 116 | 66 | – 43.1 |
| **Probate Division** | 4,740 | 4,886 | 4,643 | 2,885[c] | 2,970[c] | 2,849 | 2,829 | 3,014 | 6.5 |
| Grand Total | 291,792 | 235,400 | 213,821 | 204,835 | 203,099 | 189,498 | 184,820 | 188,969 | 2.3 |
| Grand Total (excl. Traffic) | 197,200 | 195,598 | 195,512 | 195,425 | 194,686 | 181,150 | 174,523 | 177,363 | 1.6 |
| Monthly Average of New Cases (excl. Traffic) | 16,433 | 16,300 | 16,293 | 16,285 | 16,224 | 15,096 | 14,544 | 14,782 | 1.6 |

[a] Figures reflect changes in procedures in 1978 and transfer of majority of moving and parking violations to the Department of Transportation in 1979.

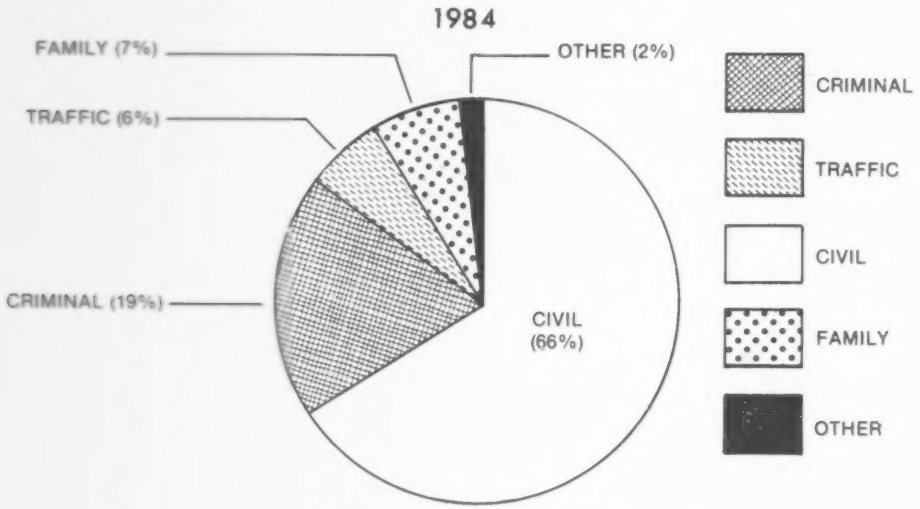
[b] Statistics for criminal tax cases reflect a change in method of counting cases.

[c] Figures reflect an adjustment of – 303 cases for 1980 and – 816 cases for 1981.

## EXHIBIT IX: NEW CASE FILINGS

| | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| CRIMINAL | 26,420 | 29,432 | 29,267 | 32,240 | 33,589 | 34,910 | 36,541 |
| TRAFFIC | 39,802 | 18,309 | 9,410 | 8,413 | 8,348 | 10,297 | 11,806 |
| CIVIL | 148,472 | 145,388 | 147,454 | 143,776 | 128,857 | 120,850 | 124,001 |
| FAMILY | 13,685 | 13,930 | 13,933 | 15,179 | 15,626 | 15,683 | 13,595 |
| OTHER | 7,021 | 6,762 | 4,771[a] | 3,491[a] | 3,078 | 3,080 | 3,246 |

[a]Figures reflect an adjustment of −303 cases for 1980 and −816 cases for 1981.

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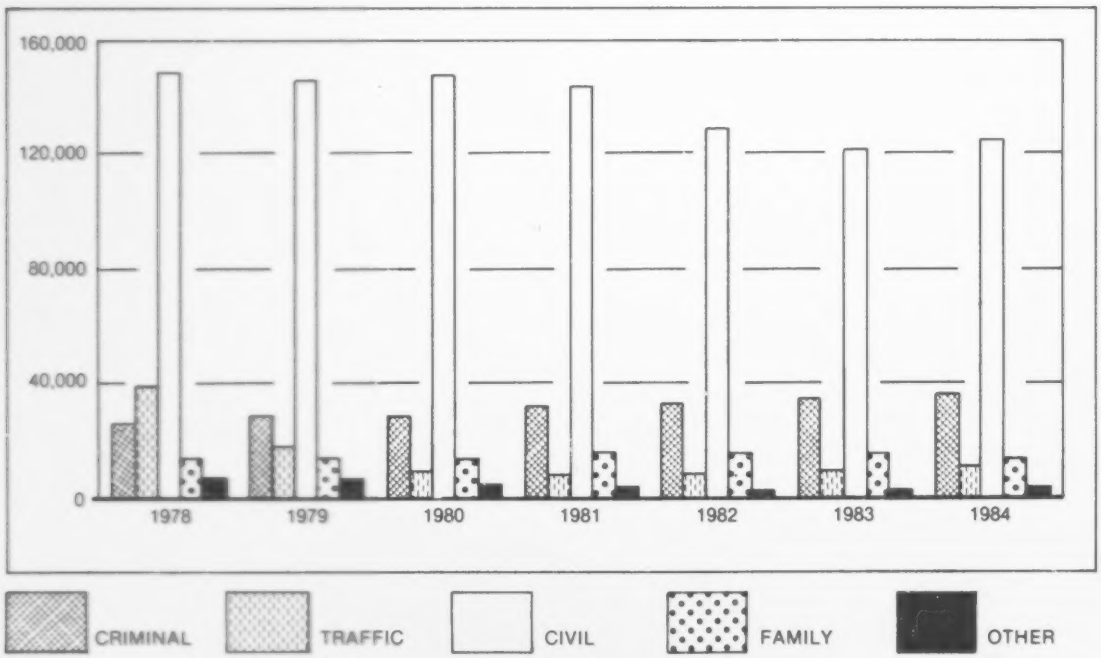

# SUPERIOR COURT
# CRIMINAL DIVISION

**Fred B. Ugast**
**Presiding Judge**

**Frederick B. Beane, Jr.**
**Chief Deputy Clerk**

The Criminal Division is comprised of four major branches: Felony Branch; Misdemeanor Branch; D.C. Traffic Branch; and, Special Proceedings Branch.

It is the primary responsiblity of this Division to process matters which are in violation of the United States Code, the District of Columbia Code, municipal and traffic regulations. Prosecution is by the United States Attorney or the District of Columbia Corporation Counsel. Administrative and clerical support functions are performed by the Criminal Division, including: providing direct courtroom support staff for judges assigned to hear criminal matters; coordinating the assignment of cases to judges; and filing, calendaring, and recordkeeping.


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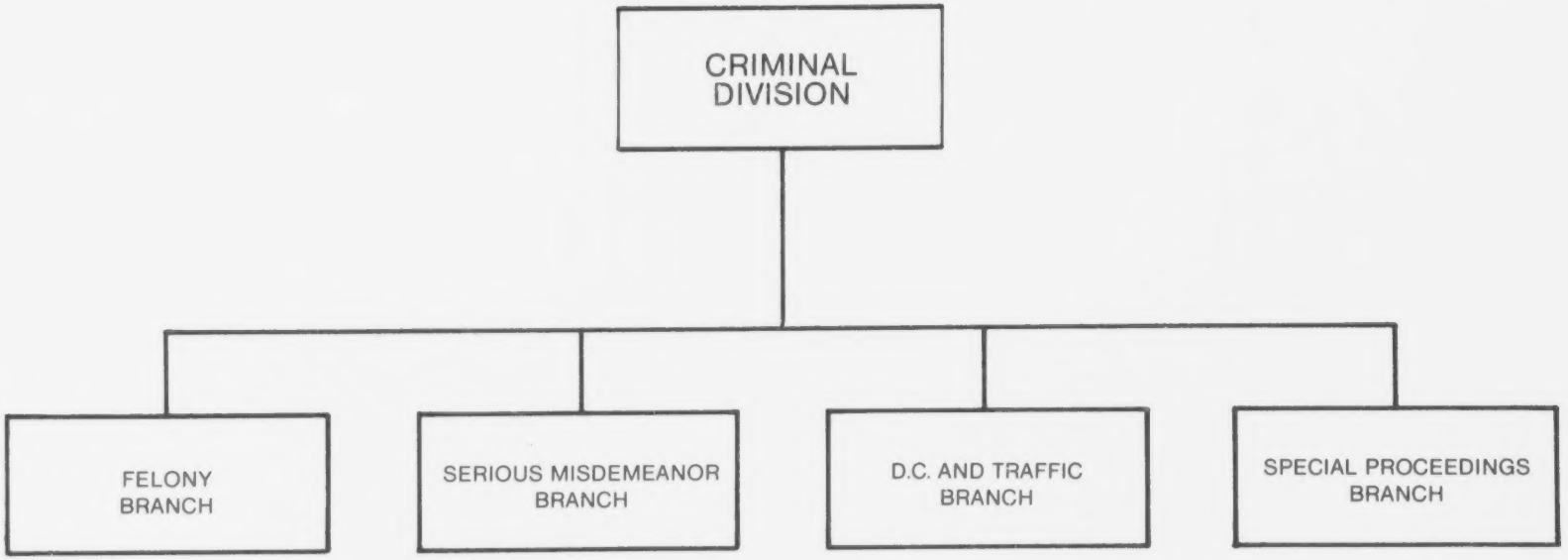
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SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS BRANCH

## TABLE 13
## SUMMARY OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY 1984

| | Branch | | | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Felony | U.S. Misdemeanor | Traffic | D.C. Misdemeanor | |
| Pending January 1 | 2,052 | 3,500 | 1,586 | 273 | 7,411 |
| Filed | 5,261 | 16,169 | 11,606 | 4,519 | 37,555 |
| Reinstated | 774 | 2,908 | 4,073 | 529 | 8,284 |
| Transferred In | — | 556 | — | — | 556 |
| Total to be Disposed | 8,087 | 23,133 | 17,265 | 5,321 | 53,806 |
| Dispositions | | | | | |
| Prior to Adjudication | | | | | |
| No Papers | — | 2,989 | 1,670 | 1,987 | 6,646 |
| Nolle Prosequi | 45 | 4,702 | 3,469 | 668 | 8,884 |
| Other | 7 | 4 | 26 | 3 | 40 |
| Total | 52 | 7,695 | 5,165 | 2,658 | 15,570 |
| By Court | | | | | |
| Jury Trials | 630 | 645 | 7 | 8 | 1,290 |
| Court Trials | 53 | 490 | 117 | 65 | 725 |
| Pleas | 3,409 | 6,573 | 3,037 | 178 | 13,197 |
| Dismissed/DWP | 609 | 1,071 | 231 | 96 | 2,007 |
| Incompetent to Stand Trial | 20 | 19 | — | — | 39 |
| Security Forfeited | — | — | 1,798 | 1,186 | 2,984 |
| Other | 10 | 37 | — | — | 47 |
| Total | 4,731 | 8,835 | 5,190 | 1,533 | 20,289 |
| Placed on Inactive Status | | | | | |
| Absconded | 657 | 1,699 | 3,094 | 632 | 6,082 |
| Mental Observation | 117 | 131 | 21 | 28 | 297 |
| Pretrial Diversion | — | 1,445 | 1,516 | 1 | 2,962 |
| Traffic School | — | — | 20 | — | 20 |
| Total | 774 | 3,275 | 4,651 | 661 | 9,361 |
| Transferred Out | 42 | — | — | — | 42 |
| Total Dispositions | 5,599 | 19,805 | 15,006 | 4,852 | 45,262 |
| Pending December 31 | 2,488 | 3,328 | 2,254 | 469 | 8,544 |

## TABLE 14
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF FELONY PREINDICTMENTS

| | Defendants | | | | | | | | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | |
| Pending January 1 | 177 | 148 | 264 | 194 | 136 | 226 | 248 | 143 | – 42.3 |
| Filed | 7,702 | 6,486 | 6,935 | 6,994 | 7,319 | 7,078 | 7,066 | 8,736 | 23.6 |
| Reinstated | 84 | 90 | 75 | 52 | 48 | 62 | 59 | 101 | 71.2 |
| Total to be Disposed | 7,963 | 6,724 | 7,274 | 7,240 | 7,503 | 7,366 | 7,373 | 8,980 | 21.8 |
| Dispositions | | | | | | | | | |
| Prior to Hearing | | | | | | | | | |
| No Papers | 2,532 | 1,194 | 1,370 | 1,413 | 1,545 | 1,715 | 1,412 | 1,694 | 20.0 |
| Nolle Prosequi | 531 | 231 | 262 | 747 | 510 | 494 | 492 | 304 | – 38.2 |
| Dismissed | 136 | 367 | 592 | 330 | 334 | 255 | 159 | 158 | – 0.6 |
| Informations/ Indictments[a] | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1,749 | — |
| Other | 311 | 179 | 357 | 463 | 693 | 575 | 534 | 46 | – 91.4 |
| Total | 3,510 | 1,971 | 2,581 | 2,953 | 3,082 | 3,039 | 2,597 | 3,951 | 52.1 |
| By Court | | | | | | | | | |
| Held for Grand Jury | 3,305 | 3,189 | 2,964 | 2,965 | 3,145 | 3,220 | 3,616 | 3,677 | 1.7 |
| Waived to Grand Jury | 686 | 1,015 | 1,169 | 808 | 691 | 449 | 580 | 612 | 5.5 |
| No Probable Cause | 111 | 77 | 80 | 71 | 58 | 90 | 122 | 171 | 40.2 |
| Dismissed for Want of Prosecution[b] | — | — | 43 | 68 | 89 | 199 | 173 | 92 | – 46.8 |
| Total | 4,102 | 4,281 | 4,256 | 3,912 | 3,983 | 3,958 | 4,491 | 4,552 | 1.4 |
| Placed on Inactive Status | | | | | | | | | |
| Absconded | 110 | 115 | 134 | 177 | 136 | 117 | 133 | 164 | 23.3 |
| Mental Observation | 93 | 93 | 109 | 62 | 76 | 4 | 9 | 87 | 866.7 |
| Total | 203 | 208 | 243 | 239 | 212 | 121 | 142 | 251 | 76.8 |
| Total Dispositions | 7,815 | 6,460 | 7,080 | 7,104 | 7,277 | 7,118 | 7,230 | 8,754 | 21.1 |
| Pending December 31 | 148 | 264 | 194 | 136 | 226 | 248 | 143 | 226 | 58.0 |

[a] Informations/Indictments were previously included in "Other".
[b] Dismissed for Want of Prosecution was previously included in Dispositions Prior to Hearing.

## TABLE 15
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS

| | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Felony | 593 | 658 | 528 | 508 | 599 | 551 | 618 | 630 | 1.9 |
| U.S. Misdemeanor | 433 | 451 | 377 | 857 | 605 | 794 | 568 | 645 | 13.6 |
| D.C. Misdemeanor | 3 | — | 2 | 4 | 13 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 33.3 |
| Traffic | 49 | 70 | 42 | 50 | 49 | 37 | 23 | 7 | – 69.6 |
| Total | 1,078 | 1,179 | 949 | 1,419 | 1,266 | 1,389 | 1,215 | 1,290 | 6.2 |

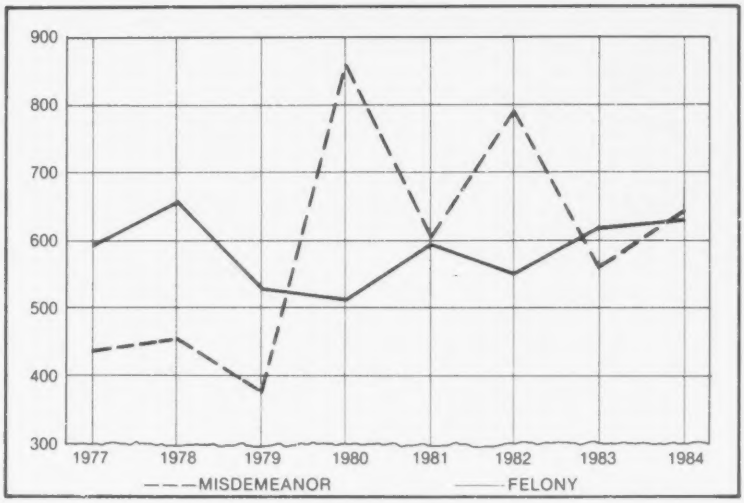
## TABLE 16
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF CRIMINAL COURT TRIALS

| | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Felony | 42 | 52 | 47 | 41 | 47 | 32 | 58 | 53 | – 8.6 |
| U.S. Misdemeanor | 380 | 243 | 101 | 302 | 229 | 165 | 306 | 490 | 60.1 |
| D.C. Misdemeanor | 59 | 93 | 135 | 115 | 91 | 119 | 58 | 65 | 12.1 |
| Traffic | 1,403 | 1,489 | 394 | 123 | 81 | 84 | 116 | 117 | 0.9 |
| Total | 1,884 | 1,877 | 677 | 581 | 448 | 400 | 538 | 725 | 34.8 |

## TABLE 17
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF CRIMINAL PLEAS

| | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Felony | 2,016 | 2,287 | 2,367 | 1,970 | 2,455 | 2,426 | 2,765 | 3,409 | 23.3 |
| U.S. Misdemeanor | 3,353 | 3,982 | 4,313 | 5,242 | 5,283 | 6,126 | 7,167 | 6,573 | – 8.3 |
| D.C. Misdemeanor | 187 | 377 | 612 | 443 | 392 | 352 | 298 | 178 | – 40.3 |
| Traffic | 9,859 | 9,413 | 3,535 | 3,408 | 3,087 | 2,827 | 3,065 | 3,037 | – 0.9 |
| Total | 15,415 | 16,059 | 10,827 | 11,063 | 11,217 | 11,731 | 13,295 | 13,197 | – 0.7 |

## EXHIBIT X: CRIMINAL JURY TRIALS

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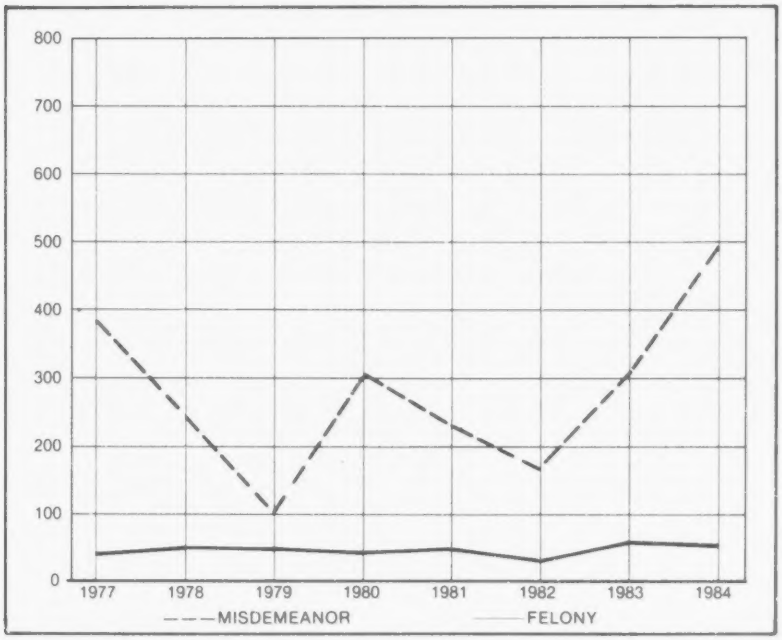

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## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS ACTIVITY

| | Defendants | | | | | | | | % Change |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | 1983-1984 |
| Pending January 1 | 48 | 52 | 57 | 42 | 39 | 45 | 44 | 40 | -9.1 |
| Filed | 1,857 | 1,691 | 1,702 | 1,847 | 1,899 | 2,154 | 1,873 | 1,856 | -0.9 |
| Reinstated | 10 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 9 | 13 | 13 | 29 | 123.1 |
| Total to be Disposed | 1,915 | 1,746 | 1,768 | 1,890 | 1,947 | 2,212 | 1,930 | 1,925 | -0.3 |
| Dispositions | | | | | | | | | |
| Prior to Adjudication | 900 | 780 | 783 | 853 | 975 | 1,227 | 1,186 | 1,136 | -4.2 |
| By Court | 963 | 909 | 943 | 998 | 927 | 941 | 704 | 739 | 5.0 |
| Total Dispositions | 1,863 | 1,689 | 1,726 | 1,851 | 1,902 | 2,168 | 1,890 | 1,875 | -0.8 |
| Pending December 31 | 52 | 57 | 42 | 39 | 45 | 44 | 40 | 50 | 25.0 |

# SUPERIOR COURT
# CIVIL DIVISION

John F. Doyle
Presiding Judge

Thomas A. Hammond, Jr.
Chief Deputy Clerk

The Civil Division of the Superior Court has jurisdiction over any civil action at law or in equity (excluding family matters) brought in the District of Columbia except where jurisdiction is exclusively vested in the federal court.

The Civil Actions Branch is responsible for the management of all civil actions where the amount in controversy exceeds $2,000*, as well as landlord and tenant cases. All motions which are filed in civil actions cases are processed by the Civil Motions Branch, while caseflow management and the calendaring of all civil actions cases are within the purview of the Civil Assignment Branch. The Small Claims Branch oversees the processing and adjudication of all cases where the amount in controversy is $2,000* or less, and provides a forum for *pro se* litigants. Courtroom staffing and operations are the responsibility of the Courtroom Support Branch.

* Change in jurisdictional limit effective November 1, 1984.


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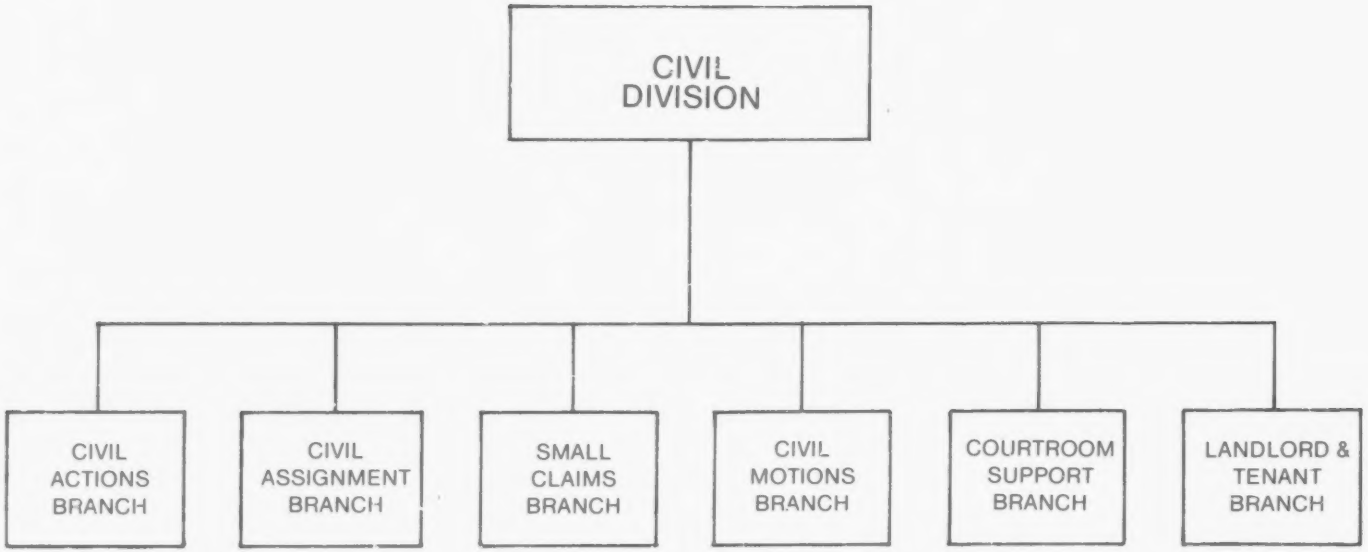
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BRANCH

## TABLE 19
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF CIVIL JURY CALENDAR ACTIVITY

| | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cases Pending on Trial Calendar January 1 | 3,930 | 3,837 | 3,986 | 3,850 | 4,197 | 4,350 | 4,322 | 4,465 | 3.3 |
| New and Reinstated Cases Placed on Trial Calendar | 3,528 | 3,403 | 3,670 | 3,828 | 3,379 | 3,362 | 2,763 | 2,465 | – 10.8 |
| Less Jury Trials Waived | 43 | 50 | 42 | 44 | 35 | — | 57 | 34 | – 40.4 |
| Total Cases on Trial Calendar | 7,415 | 7,192 | 7,614 | 7,634 | 7,541 | 7,712 | 7,028 | 6,896 | – 1.9 |
| Dispositions | 3,578 | 3,206 | 3,764 | 3,437 | 3,191 | 3,390 | 2,563 | 3,033 | 18.3 |
| Cases Pending on Trial Calendar December 31 | 3,837 | 3,986 | 3,850 | 4,197 | 4,350 | 4,322 | 4,465 | 3,863 | – 13.5 |

## TABLE 20
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF CIVIL NON-JURY CALENDAR ACTIVITY

| | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cases Pending on Trial Calendar January 1 | 1,129 | 1,123 | 1,192 | 1,592 | 1,588 | 1,781 | 2,401 | 2,563 | 6.7 |
| New and Reinstated Cases Placed on Trial Calendar | 1,820 | 1,825 | 2,308 | 2,293 | 2,514 | 2,962 | 2,636 | 2,491 | – 5.5 |
| Waived from Jury Calendar | 43 | 50 | 42 | 44 | 35 | — | 57 | 34 | – 40.4 |
| Total Cases on Trial Calendar | 2,992 | 2,998 | 3,542 | 3,929 | 4,137 | 4,743 | 5,094 | 5,068 | – 0.1 |
| Dispositions | 1,869 | 1,806 | 1,950 | 2,341 | 2,356 | 2,342 | 2,531 | 3,005 | 18.7 |
| Cases Pending on Trial Calendar December 31 | 1,123 | 1,192 | 1,592 | 1,588 | 1,781 | 2,401 | 2,563 | 2,083 | – 18.7 |

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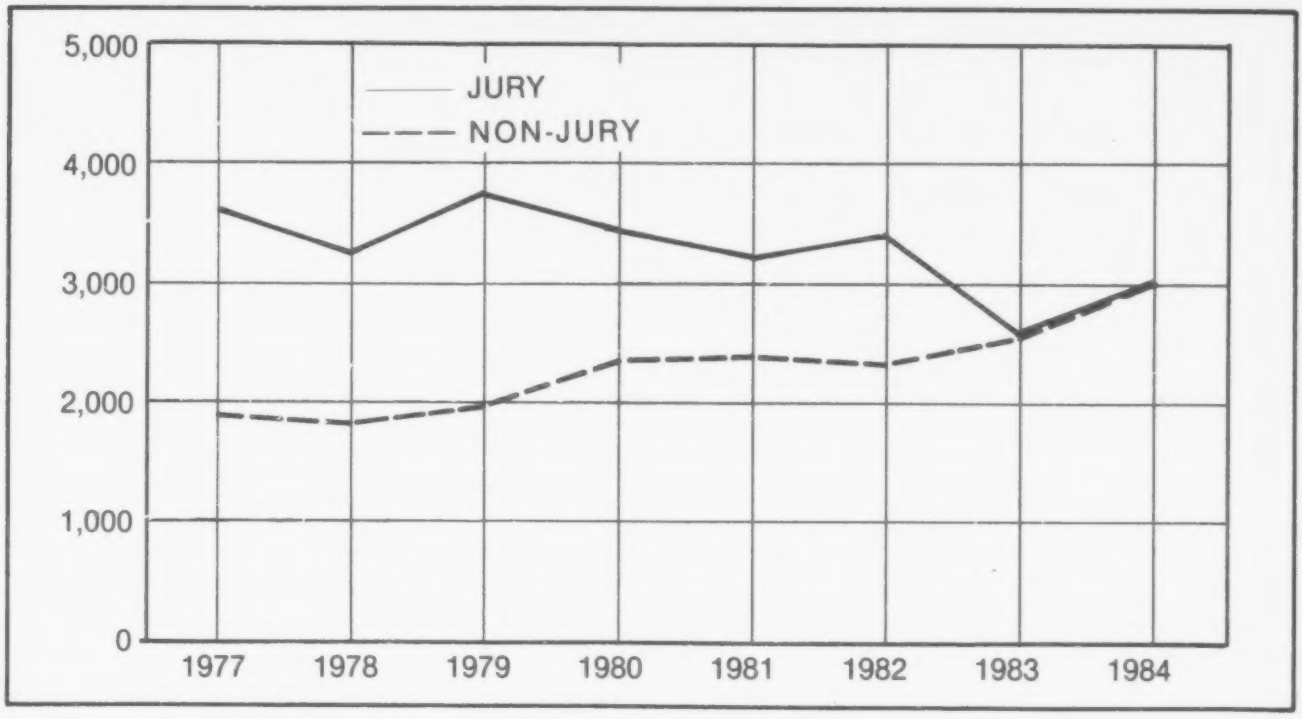


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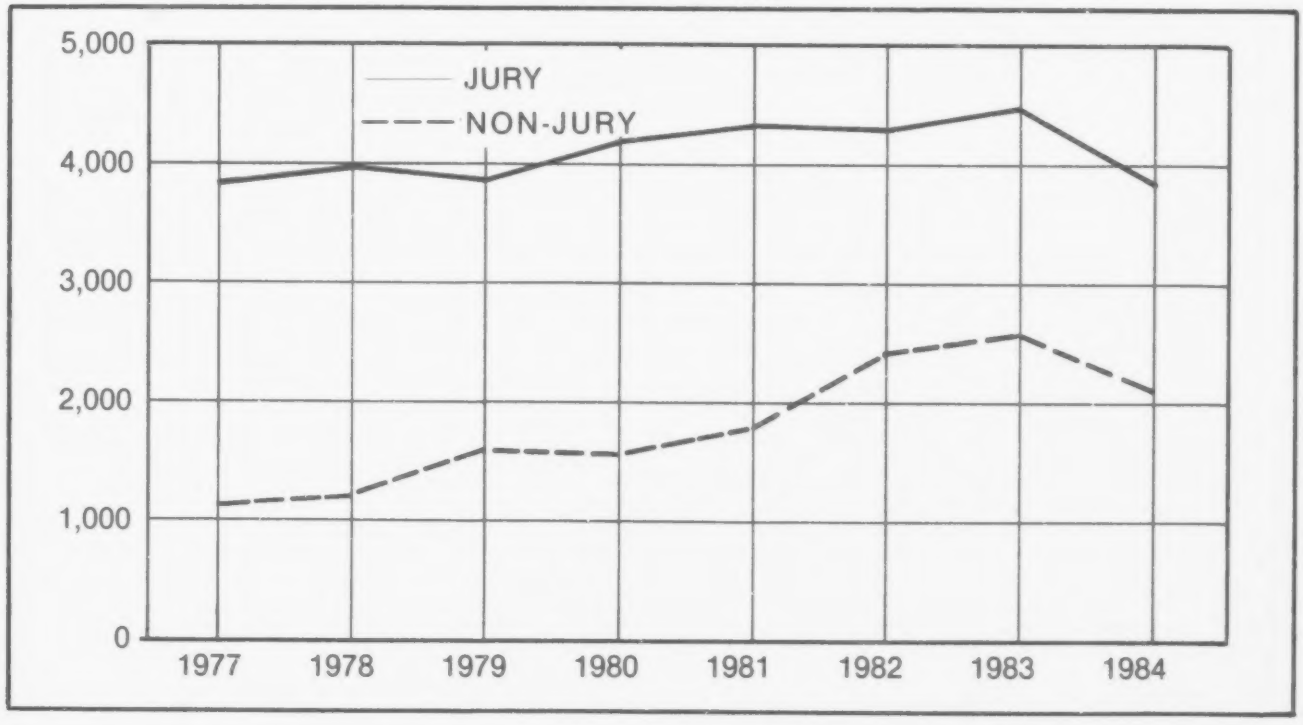

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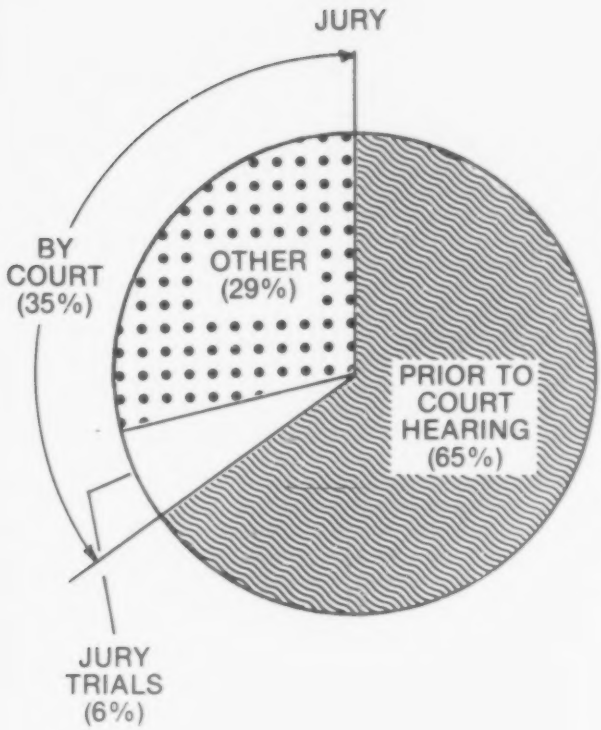


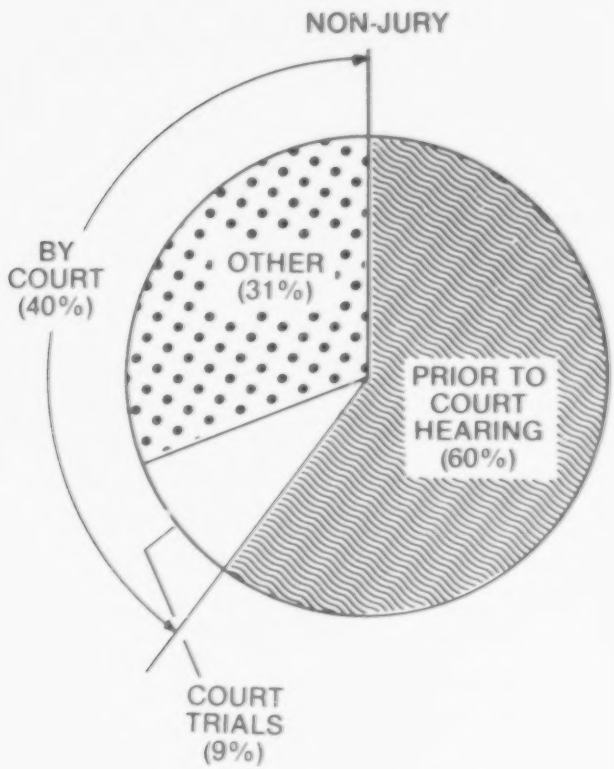


| Disposition of Cases at Issue | Jury | Non-Jury | Total | % |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Prior to Court Hearing | 1,979 | 1,803 | 3,782 | 63 |
| Disposed of by Court | | | | |
| Jury and Court Trials Held | 169 | 273 | 442 | |
| Consents | 29 | 40 | 69 | |
| Ex Parte | — | — | — | |
| Judgments | 3 | 312 | 315 | |
| Settlements at Pretrial or Trial Conference | 624 | 141 | 765 | |
| Dismissed for Want of Prosecution | 4 | 8 | 12 | |
| Summary Judgment Granted | 83 | 191 | 274 | |
| Motion to Dismiss Granted | 67 | 52 | 119 | |
| Motion for Judgment Granted | 75 | 160 | 235 | |
| Judgment on Pleadings | — | 22 | 22 | |
| Other | — | 3 | 3 | |
| Total | 1,054 | 1,202 | 2,256 | 37 |
| Total Dispositions | 3,033 | 3,005 | 6,038 | 100 |

## TABLE 21
## COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF MOTIONS ACTIONS

| | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Motions and Oppositions Filed | 13,495 | 13,776 | 14,012 | 16,545 | 20,980 | 19,727 | 17,656 | 16,626 | – 5.8 |
| Motions Hearings | 1,175 | 1,324 | 1,412 | 1,480 | 2,005 | 2,258 | 2,539 | 1,612 | – 36.5 |

## TABLE 22
## COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF JUDGMENT ACTIONS

| | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1982-1983 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Default Judgments | 3,187 | 3,657 | 4,446 | 4,629 | 4,324 | 6,167 | 3,621 | 3,848 | 6.3 |
| Confession and Consent | 377 | 382 | 443 | 472 | 382 | 670 | 558 | 460 | – 17.6 |
| Default Judgments, Rule 55-II | 284 | 316 | 361 | 304 | 230 | 311 | 260 | 316 | 21.5 |
| Judgments of Condemnation | 323 | 358 | 520 | 520 | 542 | 741 | 615 | 571 | – 7.2 |
| Judgments, Rule 62-II | 352 | 294 | 354 | 386 | 546 | 384 | 306 | 329 | 7.5 |
| Total | 4,523 | 5,007 | 6,124 | 6,311 | 6,024 | 8,273 | 5,360 | 5,524 | 3.1 |

## TABLE 23
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF LANDLORD AND TENANT ACTIVITY

| | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pending January 1 | 288 | 4,883[a] | 7,909 | 7,418 | 5,333 | 7,185 | 5,404 | 2,628 | – 51.4 |
| Filed | 110,461 | 107,701 | 102,497 | 104,792 | 101,825 | 89,694 | 84,222 | 84,817 | 0.7 |
| Reinstated | — | — | 441 | 1,053 | 708 | 703 | 1,491 | 7,202 | 383.0 |
| Total to be Disposed | 110,749 | 112,584 | 110,847 | 113,263 | 107,866 | 97,582 | 91,117 | 94,647 | 3.9 |
| Dispositions | 110,539 | 107,481 | 103,429 | 107,930 | 100,681 | 92,178 | 88,489 | 88,550[b] | 0.1 |
| Pending December 31 | 210 | 7,909[a] | 7,418 | 5,333 | 7,185 | 5,404 | 2,628 | 6,097 | 132.0 |

[a] Adjustment was explained in *1979 Annual Report.*

[b] This figure reflects an adjustment of 1,740 cases.

## TABLE 24
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF SMALL CLAIMS ACTIVITY

| | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pending January 1 | 2,063 | 1,912 | 1,953 | 1,792 | 2,045 | 1,495 | 1,587 | 1,377 | – 13.2 |
| Filed | 25,883 | 26,708 | 26,284 | 24,957 | 23,364 | 22,594 | 21,142 | 24,741 | 17.0 |
| Reactivated/Reinstated | 7,902 | 6,089 | 2,589 | 2,605 | 1,126 | 879 | 596 | 582 | – 2.3 |
| Total to be Disposed | 35,798 | 34,709 | 30,835 | 29,354 | 26,895 | 24,968 | 23,325 | 26,700 | 14.5 |
| Dispositions | 33,886 | 32,756 | 29,043 | 26,949 | 25,400 | 23,381 | 21,948 | 24,663 | 12.4 |
| Pending December 31 | 1,912 | 1,953 | 1,792 | 2,405 | 1,495 | 1,587 | 1,377 | 2,037 | 47.9 |
| Cases filed by Individuals without Attorney (included above in cases filed) | 4,723 | 5,012 | 5,356 | 5,003 | 5,306 | 5,561 | 5,261 | 5,038 | – 4.2 |

## SUPERIOR COURT

# FAMILY DIVISION

Gladys Kessler
Presiding Judge

Karen M. Knab
Chief Deputy Clerk

The responsibilities of the Family Division encompass a broad spectrum of family matters as evidenced by the diversity of the nine component branches: Courtroom Support Branch; Domestic Relations Branch; Intrafamily and Neglect Branch; Juvenile Branch; Family Assignment Branch; Mental Health Branch; Mental Retardation Branch; Office of Counsel for Child Abuse and Neglect; and, Office of Hearing Commissioners.

The Chief Deputy Clerk's office furnishes technical assistance to the branches within the Division and provides information and management assistance to the Presiding Judge; assigns courtroom clerks; responds to public requests for information; monitors case loads and adjusts calendars to maximize dispositions; provides training to the staffs of judges assigned to the Division; designs and conducts research projects; and implements special projects.

In addition, the Family Division coordinates services with outside agencies such as the Department of Human Services, the Bureau of Paternity and Child Support Enforcement and the Office of the Corporation Counsel.


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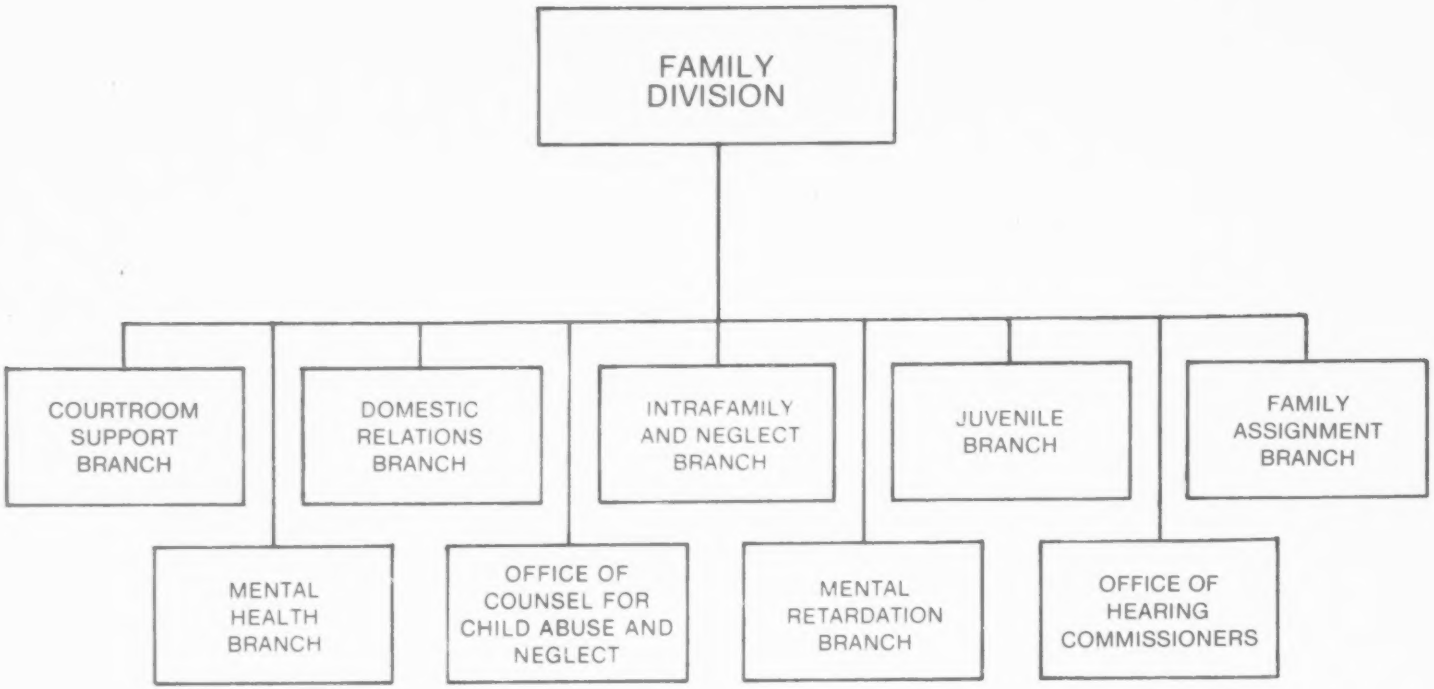
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MENTAL RETARDATION BRANCH
OFFICE OF HEARING COMMISSIONERS

## TABLE 25
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF JUVENILE CASE ACTIVITY

| | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pending January 1 | 1,513 | 1,059 | 982 | 1,393 | 1,342 | 1,049 | 1,067 | 1,240 | 16.2 |
| New Referrals | | | | | | | | | |
| Acts Against Persons | 1,692 | 1,673 | 1,612 | 1,330 | 1,253 | 1,169 | 1,203 | 1,230 | 2.2 |
| Acts Against Property | 2,945 | 3,048 | 2,846 | 2,223 | 2,021 | 1,898 | 1,847 | 1,759 | – 4.8 |
| Acts Against Public Order | 639 | 791 | 779 | 765 | 698 | 677 | 828 | 1,002 | 21.0 |
| Persons in Need of Supervision (PINS) | 225 | 153 | 140 | 203 | 146 | 80 | 76 | 106 | 39.5 |
| Interstate Compact (ISC) | 249 | 217 | 196 | 210 | 205 | 188 | 175 | 167 | – 4.6 |
| Total | 5,750 | 5,882 | 5,573 | 4,731 | 4,323 | 4,012 | 4,129 | 4,264 | 3.3 |
| Reinstated | — | — | 13 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 6 | — | – 100.0 |
| Total to be Disposed | 7,263 | 6,941 | 6,568 | 6,132 | 5,671 | 5,065 | 5,202 | 5,504 | 5.8 |
| Dispositions | | | | | | | | | |
| Not Petitioned | 1,722 | 1,768 | 1,449 | 1,486 | 1,341 | 1,188 | 1,207 | 1,131 | – 6.3 |
| Committed to SSA | 428 | 376 | 438 | 404 | 316 | 447 | 385 | 501 | 30.1 |
| Consent Decree | 777 | 752 | 647 | 317 | 396 | 267 | 276 | 356 | 29.0 |
| Dismissed[a] | 1,487 | 1,191 | 1,235 | 1,216 | 1,729 | 1,203 | 1,247 | 1,194 | – 4.3 |
| Disposed on Another Case | 208 | 415 | 510 | 460 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Transferred to Adult Court | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Probation | 700 | 540 | 611 | 863 | 836 | 852 | 725 | 832 | 14.8 |
| Other[b] | 882 | 917 | 285 | 44 | 4 | 41 | 122 | 252 | 106.6 |
| Total Dispositions | 6,204 | 5,959 | 5,175 | 4,790 | 4,622 | 3,998 | 3,962 | 4,266 | 7.7 |
| Pending December 31 | 1,059 | 982 | 1,393 | 1,342 | 1,049 | 1,067 | 1,240 | 1,238 | – 0.2 |
| Delinquency | 1,033 | 944 | 1,341 | 1,238 | 998 | 996 | 1,179 | 1,173 | – 0.5 |
| PINS and ISC | 26 | 38 | 52 | 104 | 51 | 71 | 61 | 65 | 6.6 |

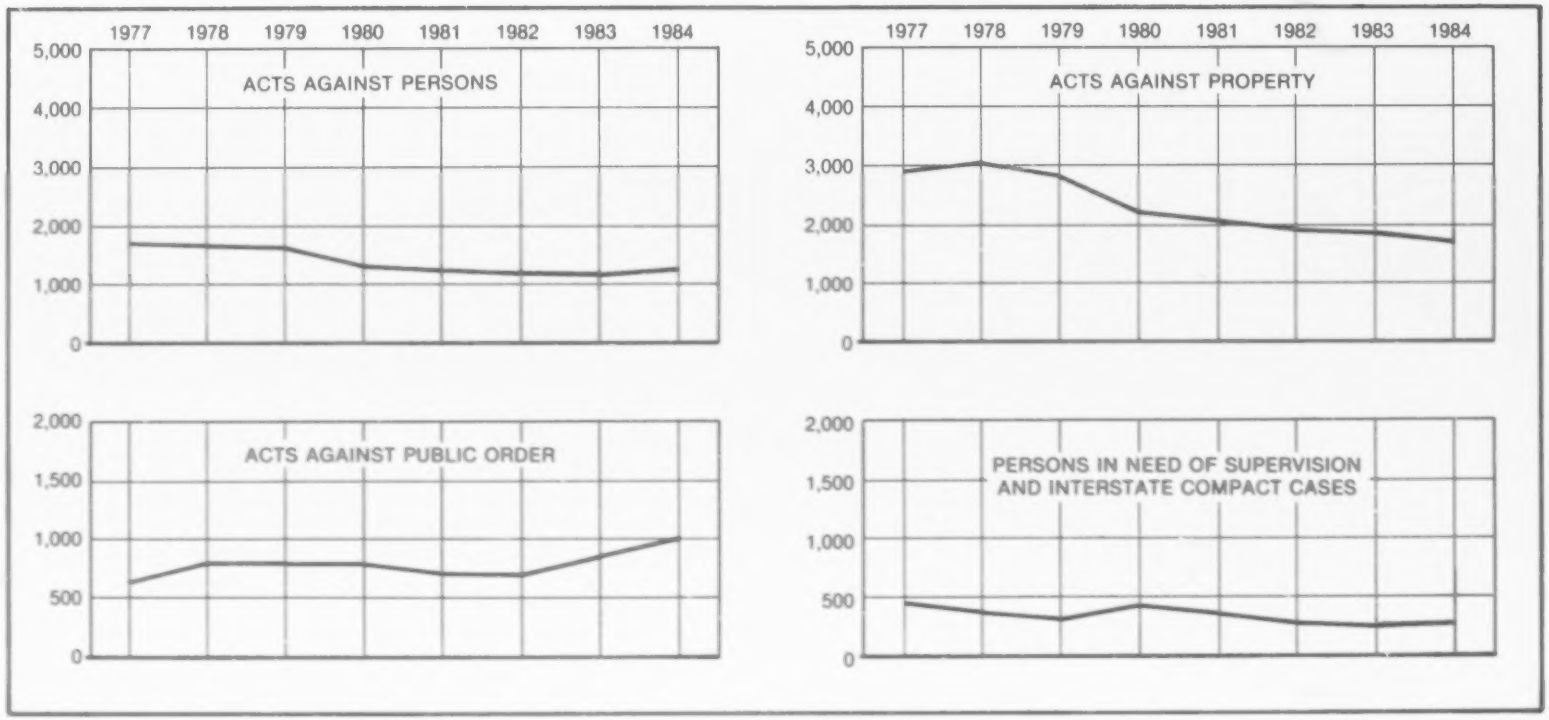
[a] Cases previously closed without a finding are now included as dismissed cases.

[b] Includes suspended commitments.

# TABLE 26
## SUMMARY OF DELINQUENCY AND PINS CASES
## [BY SEX AND REASONS FOR REFERRAL]

| | Total | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls | Total | Boys | Girls |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1977 | | | 1978 | | | 1979 | | | 1980 | | | 1981 | | | 1982 | | | 1983 | | | 1984 | | |
| Acts Against Persons | 1,692 | 1,504 | 188 | 1,673 | 1,474 | 199 | 1,612 | 1,452 | 160 | 1,330 | 1,184 | 146 | 1,253 | 1,093 | 160 | 1,169 | 1,052 | 117 | 1,203 | 1,065 | 138 | 1,230 | 1,073 | 157 |
| Acts against Property | 2,945 | 2,666 | 279 | 3,048 | 2,784 | 264 | 2,846 | 2,615 | 231 | 2,223 | 2,010 | 213 | 2,021 | 1,901 | 120 | 1,898 | 1,752 | 146 | 1,847 | 1,744 | 103 | 1,759 | 1,652 | 107 |
| Acts Against Public Order | 639 | 522 | 117 | 791 | 668 | 123 | 779 | 653 | 126 | 765 | 675 | 90 | 698 | 602 | 96 | 677 | 544 | 133 | 828 | 701 | 127 | 1,002 | 890 | 112 |
| PINS and ISC | 474 | 222 | 252 | 370 | 169 | 201 | 336 | 163 | 173 | 413 | 168 | 245 | 351 | 166 | 185 | 268 | 142 | 126 | 251 | 135 | 116 | 273 | 140 | 133 |
| Total | 5,750 | 4,914 | 836 | 5,882 | 5,095 | 787 | 5,573 | 4,883 | 690 | 4,731 | 4,037 | 694 | 4,323 | 3,762 | 561 | 4,012 | 3,490 | 522 | 4,129 | 3,645 | 484 | 4,264 | 3,755 | 509 |
| Ratio of Boys and Girls | | 85% | 15% | | 87% | 13% | | 88% | 12% | | 85% | 15% | | 87% | 13% | | 87% | 13% | | 88% | 12% | | 88% | 12% |

## EXHIBIT XVI: TREND OF JUVENILE REFERRALS



# TABLE 27
# JUVENILE REFERRALS [BY AGE]

1984

| | Age | | | | | | | | | | Total |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Under 9 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 and Over | |
| Acts Against Persons | 4 | 7 | 10 | 16 | 43 | 80 | 175 | 232 | 294 | 369 | 1,230 |
| Assault: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Aggravated | 3 | 2 | 4 | 7 | 18 | 27 | 68 | 78 | 105 | 127 | 439 |
| Simple | — | — | — | 2 | 6 | 13 | 25 | 41 | 45 | 68 | 200 |
| Homicide | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Pocket Picking/Purse Snatching | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | 1 | 7 | 10 | 27 | 46 |
| Rape | — | — | — | 1 | — | 1 | 3 | — | 3 | 4 | 12 |
| Robbery: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Armed | — | — | — | — | 4 | 8 | 12 | 13 | 26 | 21 | 84 |
| Force and Violence | — | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 20 | 47 | 67 | 93 | 99 | 338 |
| Attempted | — | — | — | 1 | — | — | 7 | 6 | 8 | 11 | 33 |
| Other | 1 | 4 | 4 | — | 10 | 11 | 12 | 20 | 3 | 11 | 76 |
| Acts Against Property | 9 | 4 | 9 | 19 | 45 | 98 | 186 | 298 | 445 | 646 | 1,759 |
| Burglary I | — | — | — | 1 | 3 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 13 | 15 | 53 |
| Attempted Burglary I | — | — | — | — | — | 3 | 5 | 4 | 10 | 18 | 40 |
| Burglary II | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 16 | 28 | 41 | 64 | 90 | 121 | 371 |
| Attempted Burglary II | — | — | — | — | 1 | *1 | 3 | 4 | 10 | 25 | 44 |
| Larceny: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Grand | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 13 | 15 | 27 | 67 |
| Petit | 2 | 1 | 2 | 10 | 14 | 22 | 21 | 67 | 82 | 110 | 331 |
| Unauthorized Use of Auto | 2 | — | 1 | — | 3 | 8 | 60 | 56 | 143 | 212 | 485 |
| Other | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 26 | 43 | 82 | 82 | 118 | 368 |
| Acts Against Public Order | 2 | — | 2 | 1 | 1 | 25 | 48 | 117 | 226 | 580 | 1,002 |
| Narcotics: | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sale/Possession | 1 | — | — | — | — | 9 | 16 | 40 | 120 | 395 | 581 |
| Possession of Marijuana | — | — | — | — | 1 | — | 5 | 18 | 28 | 66 | 118 |
| Other | 1 | — | 2 | 1 | — | 16 | 27 | 59 | 78 | 119 | 303 |
| PINS | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 11 | 29 | 27 | 31 | 6 | 106 |
| Beyond Control | — | — | — | — | — | 5 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 4 | 18 |
| Runaway from Home | — | — | — | — | — | 5 | 2 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 22 |
| Truancy from School | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | 1 | 26 | 22 | 15 | — | 66 |
| Interstate Compact | 2 | — | — | — | 3 | 5 | 18 | 35 | 41 | 63 | 167 |
| Total | 17 | 11 | 21 | 37 | 93 | 219 | 456 | 709 | 1,037 | 1,664 | 4,264 |

## TABLE 28
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF INTRAFAMILY AND NEGLECT ACTIVITY

| | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Total Intrafamily and Neglect**[a] | | | | | | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 682 | 760 | 1,008 | 1,286 | 266 | 197 | 430 | 252[b] | – 41.4 |
| Filed | 1,354 | 1,195 | 1,276 | 1,314 | 1,017 | 1,232 | 1,445 | 1,586 | 9.8 |
| Reactivated Cases | — | — | — | — | — | 6,168 | 5,698 | 5,634 | – 1.1 |
| Total to be Disposed | 2,036 | 1,955 | 2,284 | 2,600 | 1,283 | 7,597 | 7,573 | 7,472 | – 1.3 |
| Dispositions[c] | 1,276 | 947 | 998 | 2,334 | 1,086 | 7,167 | 7,346 | 7,158 | – 2.6 |
| Pending December 31 | 760 | 1,008 | 1,286 | 266 | 197 | 430 | 227 | 314 | 38.3 |
| **Intrafamily** | | | | | | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 505 | 595 | 884 | 1,152 | 86 | 60 | 327 | 100[b] | – 69.4 |
| Filed | 815 | 693 | 810 | 724 | 581 | 800 | 975 | 1,094 | 12.2 |
| Reactivated Cases | — | — | — | — | — | 128 | 212 | 192 | – 9.4 |
| Total to be Disposed | 1,320 | 1,288 | 1,694 | 1,876 | 667 | 988 | 1,514 | 1,386 | – 8.5 |
| Dispositions | 725 | 404 | 542 | 1,790[d] | 607 | 661 | 1,439[e] | 1,285 | – 10.7 |
| Active Cases Awaiting Disposition | 119 | 133 | 56 | — | — | 327 | 75 | 101 | 34.7 |
| Inactive Cases | 476 | 751 | 1,096 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Pending December 31 | 595 | 884 | 1,152 | 86 | 60 | 327 | 75 | 101 | 34.7 |
| **Neglect** | | | | | | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 177 | 165 | 124 | 134 | 180 | 137 | 103 | 152 | 47.6 |
| Filed | | | | | | | | | |
| Abused Child | 165 | 229 | 180 | 194 | 164 | 149 | 173 | 180 | 4.0 |
| Neglected Child[f] | 368 | 273 | 286 | 395 | 271 | 283 | 297 | 312 | 5.1 |
| Other | 6 | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 539 | 502 | 466 | 590 | 436 | 432 | 470 | 492 | 4.7 |
| Reactivated Cases | — | — | — | — | — | 6,040 | 5,486 | 5,442 | – 0.8 |
| Total to be Disposed | 716 | 667 | 590 | 724 | 616 | 6,609 | 6,059 | 6,086 | 0.4 |
| Dispositions | | | | | | | | | |
| Not Petitioned | 116 | 66 | 38 | 56 | 54 | 27 | 50 | 29 | – 42.0 |
| Committed | 173 | 199 | 215 | 255 | 225 | 200 | 191 | 204 | 6.8 |
| Dismissed | 110 | 103 | 66 | 86 | 87 | 72 | 43 | 51 | 18.6 |
| Protective Supervision | 147 | 169 | 134 | 145 | 109 | 164 | 136 | 145 | 6.6 |
| Other | 5 | 6 | 3 | 2 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 100.0 |
| Reviews | — | — | — | — | — | 6,040 | 5,486 | 5,442 | – 0.8 |
| Total | 551 | 543 | 456 | 544[g] | 479 | 6,506 | 5,907 | 5,873 | – 0.6 |
| Pending December 31 | 165 | 124 | 134 | 180 | 137 | 103 | 152 | 213 | 40.1 |

[a] Beginning with 1982 figures, a differentiation is made between active and inactive cases in Intrafamily and Neglect. In previous years, when reactivated cases were not reported, the Intrafamily pending case load was underrepresented.

[b] This figure reflects an adjustment of + 25 cases.

[c] Includes reviews held.

[d] Dispositions include 1,122 inactive cases formerly included in the pending balance.

[e] The high degree of activity is due to the administrative closure of 340 cases.

[f] In previous years, neglected children were categorized either as abandoned by parent, homeless, or without parental care.

[g] This figure reflects an adjustment of – 11 cases.

## TABLE 29
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF DOMESTIC RELATIONS ACTIVE CASE LOAD[a]

| | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Total Domestic Relations** | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 2,983 | 3,990 | 3,795 | – 4.9 |
| Filed | 8,442 | 8,039 | 6,059 | – 24.6 |
| Reactivated | 2,854 | 4,589 | 4,630 | 0.9 |
| Disposed | 10,289 | 12,823 | 9,092 | – 29.1 |
| Pending December 31 | 3,990 | 3,795 | 5,392 | 42.1 |
| **Divorce** | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 1,391 | 1,435 | 2,133 | 48.6 |
| Filed | 3,309 | 3,051 | 2,964 | – 2.9 |
| Reactivated | 280 | 266 | 93 | – 65.0 |
| Disposed | 3,545 | 2,619 | 2,784 | 6.3 |
| Pending December 31 | 1,435 | 2,133 | 2,406 | 12.8 |
| **Adoption** | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 327 | 347 | 321 | – 7.5 |
| Filed | 377 | 345 | 360 | 4.3 |
| Reactivated | — | — | — | — |
| Disposed | 357 | 371 | 296 | – 20.2 |
| Pending December 31 | 347 | 321 | 385 | 19.9 |
| **Paternity** | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 609 | 937 | 40 | – 95.7 |
| Filed | 2,414 | 1,634 | 1,214 | – 25.7 |
| Reactivated | 1,331 | 1,696 | 1,915 | 12.9 |
| Disposed | 3,417 | 4,227 | 2,616 | – 38.1 |
| Pending December 31 | 937 | 40 | 553 | 1,282.5 |
| **Support** | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 98 | 231 | 305 | 32.0 |
| Filed | 776 | 488 | 177 | – 63.7 |
| Reactivated | 328 | 583 | 337 | – 42.2 |
| Disposed | 971 | 997 | 471 | – 52.8 |
| Pending December 31 | 231 | 305 | 348 | 14.1 |
| **Reciprocal Support** | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 558 | 1,040 | 996 | – 4.2 |
| Filed | 1,566 | 2,521 | 1,334 | – 46.7 |
| Reactivated | 915 | 2,044 | 2,285 | 11.8 |
| Disposed | 1,999 | 4,609 | 2,925 | – 36.5 |
| Pending December 31 | 1,040 | 996 | 1,700 | 70.7 |

[a]The Domestic Relations case load includes active cases only. Active cases are cases which are at issue (cases for which an answer was filed) and cases reactivated for a review hearing.

## TABLE 30
## COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF MENTAL HEALTH ACTIONS

| | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Trial by Jury | 10 | 16 | 12 | 9 | 8 | 3 | 12 | 16 | 33.3 |
| Trial by Court | 5 | 11 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 10 | 18 | 15 | – 16.7 |
| Miscellaneous Mental Health Cases Filed | 1,572 | 1,537 | 1,532 | 1,546 | 1,475 | 1,359 | 1,513 | 1,423 | – 5.9 |
| Hearings Held | 524 | 582 | 763 | 827 | 745 | 750 | 485 | 522 | 7.6 |
| Judicial Petitions Filed | 691 | 680 | 877 | 910 | 823 | 708 | 687 | 766 | 11.5 |
| Judicial Petitions Closed | 726 | 682 | 826 | 906 | 849 | 664 | 722 | 709 | – 1.8 |
| Judicial Petitions Pending | 69 | 67 | 118 | 122 | 96 | 140 | 105 | 162 | 54.3 |

## TABLE 31
## MENTAL RETARDATION ACTIVITY

| | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Total Mental Retardation Matters Pending January 1 | 867 | 166 | – 80.9 |
| Filed | 26 | 40 | 53.8 |
| Reactivated | 2,003 | 1,939 | – 3.2 |
| Cases Available For Disposition | 2,896 | 2,145 | – 25.9 |
| Dispositions | | | |
| Closed: | | | |
| Found Not Mentally Retarded | 28 | 9 | – 67.9 |
| Deceased | 8 | 2 | – 75.0 |
| Total | 36 | 11 | – 69.4 |
| Cases Reviewed (Moved to Inactive Case Load) | 2,694 | 2,006 | – 25.5 |
| Total Dispositions | 2,730 | 2,017 | – 26.1 |
| Pending December 31 | 166 | 128 | – 22.9 |

## SUPERIOR COURT

# PROBATE DIVISION

Carlisle E. Pratt
Presiding Judge

Henry L. Rucker
Register of Wills and
Clerk of the Probate
Division

The Probate Division has the primary responsibility for fiduciary matters in the District of Columbia. Included in this responsibility are the appointment and supervision of: personal representatives for deceased persons; guardians of minors; conservators for adult incompetents; trustees; receivers for absentees and absconders; and, assignees for the benefit of creditors. The Clerk of the Probate Division performs the statutory duties of Register of Wills and is charged with protecting the rights of all persons who may be interested in the administration of a decedent's estate, whether as heirs, beneficiaries under wills, creditors or debtors. In addition, the Register of Wills has the duty of insuring that all disbursements and distributions of assets of the various kinds of estates made are in accordance with the District of Columbia Code and the Superior Court Rules.

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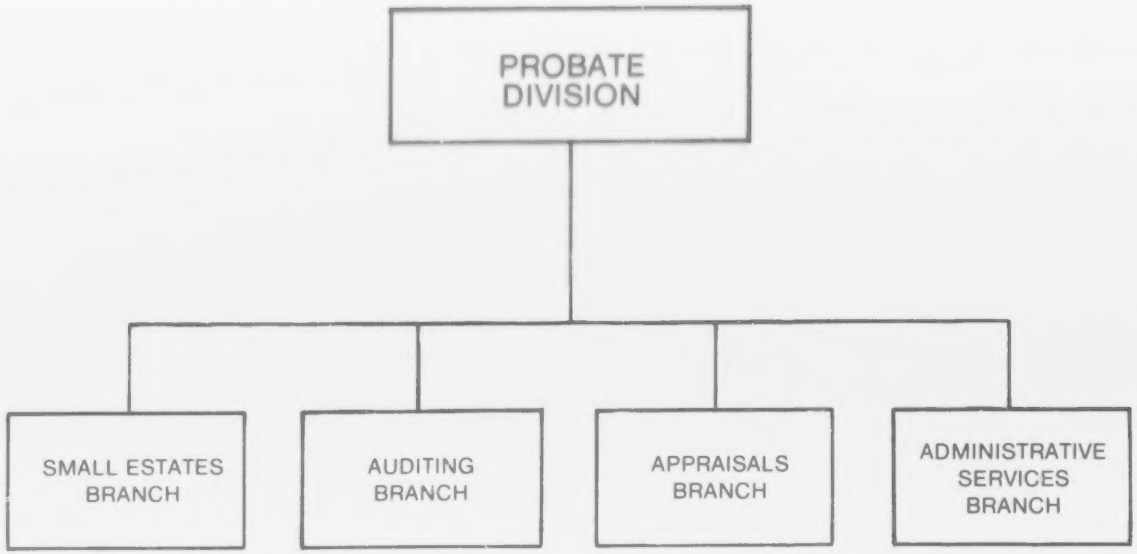
PROBATE DIVISION
SMALL ESTATES BRANCH
AUDITING BRANCH
APPRAISALS BRANCH
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES BRANCH

## TABLE 32
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF PROBATE DIVISION ACTIVITY

| | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **TOTAL PROBATE** | | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 4,348 | 5,612 | 6,185 | 6,349 | 2.7 |
| Filed | 2,970[a] | 2,849 | 2,829 | 3,014 | 6.5 |
| Transferred from Auditor-Master | 474 | — | — | — | — |
| Disposed | 2,180 | 2,276 | 2,665 | 2,499 | – 6.2 |
| Pending December 31 | 5,612 | 6,185 | 6,349 | 6,864 | 8.1 |
| **Estates of Decedents** | | | | | |
| General Bond | | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 2,197 | 2,740 | 3,139 | 3,119 | – 0.6 |
| Filed | 1,446 | 1,242 | 1,043 | 1,104 | 5.8 |
| Disposed | 903 | 843 | 1,063 | 819 | – 23.0 |
| Pending December 31 | 2,740 | 3,139 | 3,119 | 3,404 | 9.1 |
| Special Bond | | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Filed | 202 | 80 | 24 | 20 | – 16.7 |
| Disposed | 202 | 80 | 24 | 20 | – 16.7 |
| Pending December 31 | — | — | — | — | — |
| General Bond with Waivers of Inventories and Accounts | | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Filed | 115 | 221 | 434 | 489 | 12.7 |
| Disposed | 115 | 221 | 434 | 489 | 12.7 |
| Pending December 31 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Small Estates | | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 66 | 145 | 178 | 175 | – 1.7 |
| Filed | 816 | 909 | 918 | 986 | 7.4 |
| Disposed | 737 | 876 | 921 | 911 | – 1.1 |
| Pending December 31 | 145 | 178 | 175 | 250 | 42.9 |
| **Conservatorships** | | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 1,254 | 1,902 | 2,044 | 2,237 | 9.4 |
| Filed | 744[b] | 272 | 305 | 309 | 1.3 |
| Disposed | 96 | 130 | 112 | 136 | 21.4 |
| Pending December 31 | 1,902 | 2,044 | 2,237 | 2,410 | 7.7 |
| **Guardianships** | | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 831 | 825 | 824 | 818 | – 0.7 |
| Filed | 121 | 125 | 105 | 106 | 1.0 |
| Disposed | 127 | 126 | 111 | 124 | 11.7 |
| Pending December 31 | 825 | 824 | 818 | 800 | – 2.2 |

[a] Figures reflect an adjustment of – 816 cases for 1981.

[b] Figure reflects 474 cases transferred from the Auditor-Master.

## SUPERIOR COURT

# TAX DIVISION

Iraline Green Barnes
Presiding Judge

Rosemary Stanfield
Chief Deputy Clerk

The Tax Division is responsible for the disposition of all civil and criminal tax cases in the District of Columbia, with exclusive jurisdiction over: all appeals from and petitions for review of assessments of tax (and civil penalties thereon) made by the City; and, all proceedings brought by the District of Columbia for the imposition of criminal penalties pursuant to the provisions of the statutes relating to taxes levied by or in behalf of the City.

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## TABLE 33
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF TAX DIVISION ACTIVITY

| | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Criminal Tax Cases** | | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 5 | 4 | 4 | — | – 100.0 |
| Filed | 8 | 5 | — | — | — |
| Reinstated | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total to be Disposed | 13 | 9 | 4 | — | – 100.0 |
| Dispositions | | | | | |
| Nolle Prosequi | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| Dismissed | — | — | — | — | — |
| Jury Trials | — | — | — | — | — |
| Court Trials | 2 | — | — | — | — |
| Pleas | 5 | 5 | 4 | — | – 100.0 |
| Bench Warrants Issued/Expired | 1 | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 9 | 5 | 4 | — | – 100.0 |
| Pending December 31 | 4 | 4 | — | — | — |
| **Civil Tax Cases** | | | | | |
| Pending January 1 | 433 | 398 | 376 | 429 | 14.1 |
| Filed | 77 | 94 | 135 | 164 | 21.5 |
| Certified from Another Division | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 66.7 |
| Reinstated | — | — | 4 | 4 | 0.0 |
| Total to be Disposed | 511 | 493 | 518 | 602 | 16.2 |
| Dispositions | | | | | |
| Dismissed/Withdrawn | 61 | 45 | 20 | 329 | 1,545.0 |
| Stipulations for Entry of Decision | 33 | 59 | 63 | 70 | 11.1 |
| Court Trials | 5 | 3 | 3 | 15 | 400.1 |
| Motions for Summary Judgment Granted | 5 | 6 | 2 | 9 | 350.0 |
| Judgments | 9 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 200.0 |
| Other | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 113 | 117 | 89 | 426 | 378.7 |
| Pending December 31 | 398 | 376 | 429 | 176 | – 59.0 |

## SUPERIOR COURT

# AUDITOR-MASTER

John W. Follin
Auditor-Master

The Auditor-Master sits as a Master of the Court in civil matters for the conduct of hearings and submission of reports containing findings of fact and conclusions of law. Cases referred to the Auditor-Master may involve various probate matters, stating accounts of removed fiduciaries in probate and civil matters, assignment for benefit of creditors, accountings between parties in business (partnerships as well as corporations), accountings in trust matters, and determination of attorneys' fees and damages in construction suits.


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TABLE 34: Auditor-Master Activity 86

## TABLE 34
## AUDITOR-MASTER ACTIVITY

| | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pending January 1 | 60 | 93 | 120 | 29.0 |
| Filed | | | | |
| Orders of Reference | 108 | 108 | 56 | – 48.1 |
| Inventories | 18 | 5 | 9 | 80.0 |
| Other | 4 | 3 | 1 | – 66.7 |
| Total | 130 | 116 | 66 | – 43.1 |
| Total to be Disposed | 190 | 209 | 186 | – 11.0 |
| Dispositions | | | | |
| Orders of Reference | 81 | 83 | 75 | – 9.6 |
| Inventories | 12 | 3 | 9 | 200.0 |
| Other | 4 | 3 | 1 | – 66.7 |
| Total | 97 | 89 | 85 | – 4.5 |
| Pending December 31 | 93 | 120 | 101 | – 15.8 |

## SUPERIOR COURT

# SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION

Alan M. Schuman
Director

The Social Services Division of the Superior Court, which serves as the probation system for the District of Columbia, is responsible for providing information and recommendations to assist the Court in making individualized decisions in all dispositional phases of the adjudication process. The Division provides court-supervised alternatives to incarceration for adults and juveniles, and offers supportive social services to those persons whose problems bring them within the purview of the Court. The Division, comprised of the Adult, Family, and Special Services Branches, offers specialized programs in the areas of adult and family services.


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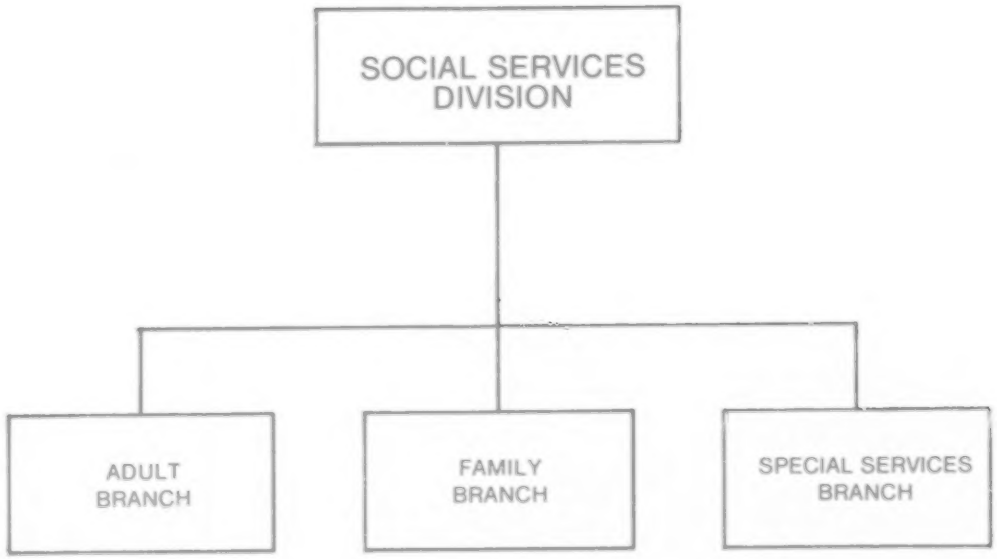
SOCIAL SERVICES DIVISION
ADULT BRANCH
FAMILY BRANCH
SPECIAL SERVICES BRANCH

## TABLE 35
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF ADULT PROBATION ACTIVITY

| | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cases Under Supervision January 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Adult Branch | 4,680[a] | 4,965 | 5,373 | 3,673 | 3,707 | 3,474 | 3,786 | 4,548 | 20.1 |
| Special Projects | — | — | 13 | 1,757 | 2,855 | 4,508 | 4,055 | 5,400[b] | 33.4 |
| Total | 4,680 | 4,965 | 5,386 | 5,430 | 6,562 | 7,982 | 7,841 | 9,957[c] | 27.0 |
| Cases Assigned | | | | | | | | | |
| Adult Branch | 3,352 | 4,187 | 3,195 | 3,288 | 3,486 | 4,465 | 5,400 | 5,489 | 1.6 |
| Special Projects | — | — | 690 | 1,848 | 3,177 | 2,786 | 3,944 | 3,736 | – 5.3 |
| Total | 3,352 | 4,187 | 3,885 | 5,136 | 6,663 | 7,251 | 9,344 | 9,225 | – 1.3 |
| Net Transfers | — | — | — | 37 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Cases Removed | | | | | | | | | |
| Expiration | 1,984 | 1,903 | 1,760 | 1,513 | 1,997 | 3,344 | 3,420 | 3,863 | 12.7 |
| Revocation | 291 | 257 | 355 | 494 | 581 | 805 | 830 | 953 | 14.8 |
| Early Termination | 792 | 1,124 | 1,475 | 1,684 | 2,112 | 2,589 | 2,385 | 2,757 | 16.0 |
| Placed in Fugitive Status | — | 495 | 251 | 350 | 553 | 654 | 631 | 896 | 42.0 |
| Total | 3,067 | 3,779 | 3,841 | 4,041 | 5,243 | 7,392 | 7,266 | 8,469 | 16.6 |
| Cases Under Supervision Dec. 31 | | | | | | | | | |
| Adult Branch | | | | | | | | | |
| Felony | 1,941 | 1,809 | 1,465 | 1,315 | 1,112 | 971 | 1,039 | 1,215 | 16.9 |
| Misdemeanor | 3,024 | 3,564 | 2,208 | 2,392 | 2,362 | 2,815 | 3,509 | 3,792 | 8.1 |
| Special Projects | | | | | | | | | |
| Felony | — | — | 457 | 591 | 735 | 711 | 861 | 1,180 | 37.0 |
| Misdemeanor | — | 13 | 1,300 | 2,264 | 3,773 | 3,344 | 4,510 | 4,526 | 0.4 |
| Total | 4,965 | 5,386 | 5,430 | 6,562 | 7,982 | 7,841 | 9,919 | 10,713 | 8.0 |
| Presentence Investigations | | | | | | | | | |
| Felony | 1,852 | 1,986 | 2,034 | 1,658 | 1,942 | 2,072 | 2,491 | 2,694 | 8.1 |
| Misdemeanor | 3,298 | 3,549 | 3,510 | 5,186 | 5,867 | 7,189 | 5,515 | 4,984 | – 9.6 |
| Total | 5,150 | 5,535 | 5,544 | 6,844 | 7,809 | 9,261 | 8,006 | 7,678 | – 4.1 |
| Average Monthly Case Load | 4,755 | 4,912 | 5,497 | 5,945 | 7,354 | 7,984 | 9,035 | 10,747 | 18.9 |
| Average Number of Probation Officer Positions | 73 | 75 | 75 | 76 | 78 | 91[b] | 94[c] | 96[d] | 2.1 |

[a] Figure was adjusted to reflect incorporation of the Outreach Project case load.

[b] Includes 15 probation officer positions assigned to Special Projects.

[c] Includes 19 probation officer positions assigned to Special Projects.

[d] This figure reflects an adjustment of 38 cases.

[e] Includes 22 probation officer positions assigned to Special Projects.

## TABLE 36
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF INTRAFAMILY, ABUSE, AND CHILD SUPPORT ACTIVITY*

| | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cases Under Supervision January 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Intrafamily | 146 | 96 | 21 | 42 | 51 | 39 | 46 | 36 | – 21.7 |
| Abuse | 200 | 196 | 214 | 167 | 124 | 122 | 139 | 187 | 34.5 |
| Child Support | 1,614 | 1,423 | 1,059 | 972 | 1,073 | 1,015 | 979 | — | – 100.0 |
| Total | 1,960 | 1,715 | 1,294 | 1,181 | 1,248 | 1,176 | 1,164 | 223 | – 80.8 |
| Cases Assigned | | | | | | | | | |
| Intrafamily | 92 | 33 | 48 | 71 | 57 | 47 | 38 | 33 | – 13.2 |
| Abuse | 140 | 164 | 81 | 90 | 60 | 78 | 116 | 74 | – 36.2 |
| Child Support | 89 | 54 | 143 | 233 | 94 | 73 | 7 | — | – 100.0 |
| Total | 321 | 251 | 272 | 394 | 211 | 198 | 161 | 107 | – 33.5 |
| Cases Removed | | | | | | | | | |
| Intrafamily | 142 | 108 | 27 | 62 | 69 | 40 | 48 | 36 | – 25.0 |
| Abuse | 144 | 146 | 128 | 133 | 62 | 61 | 68 | 112 | 64.7 |
| Child Support | 280 | 418 | 230 | 132 | 152 | 109 | 986 | — | – 100.0 |
| Total | 566 | 672 | 385 | 327 | 283 | 210 | 1,102 | 148 | – 86.6 |
| Cases Under Supervision Dec. 31 | | | | | | | | | |
| Intrafamily | 96 | 21 | 42 | 51 | 39 | 46 | 36 | 33 | – 8.3 |
| Abuse | 196 | 214 | 167 | 124 | 122 | 139 | 187 | 149 | – 20.3 |
| Child Support | 1,423 | 1,059 | 972 | 1,073 | 1,015 | 979 | — | — | — |
| Total | 1,715 | 1,294 | 1,181 | 1,248 | 1,176 | 1,164 | 223 | 182 | – 18.4 |
| Average Monthly Case Load | | | | | | | | | |
| Intrafamily | 102 | 51 | 28 | 64 | 45 | 41 | 40 | 32 | – 20.0 |
| Abuse | 197 | 199 | 186 | 138 | 113 | 129 | 165 | 163 | – 1.2 |
| Child Support | 1,516 | 1,186 | 1,028 | 1,002 | 1,033 | 1,014 | 577 | — | – 100.0 |
| Total | 1,815 | 1,436 | 1,242 | 1,204 | 1,191 | 1,184 | 782 | 195 | – 75.1 |
| Social Investigations Completed | 370 | 332 | 248 | 219 | 179 | 163 | 224 | 258 | 15.2 |
| Average Number of Probation Officer Positions | 28 | 26 | 20 | 18 | 16 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 7.7 |

*In 1977, the Social Services Division handled the supervision of abuse and neglect cases; therefore, case totals in abuse columns for those years include both abuse and neglect cases. In subsequent years, the Court no longer handled the supervision of neglect cases pursuant to the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect Act of 1977. Hence, totals reflect only abuse cases.

## TABLE 37
## COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF JUVENILE PROBATION ACTIVITY

| | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Cases Under Supervision January 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| Consent Decree | 657 | 360 | 494 | 208 | 144 | 186 | 124 | 134 | 8.1 |
| Probation | 698 | 732 | 613 | 564 | 725 | 769 | 595 | 518 | – 12.9 |
| Suspended Commitment | 346 | 329 | 383 | 304 | 72 | 2 | — | — | — |
| Special Projects | — | — | — | 53 | 78 | 36 | 72 | 71 | – 1.4 |
| Total | 1,701[a] | 1,421 | 1,490 | 1,129 | 1,019 | 993 | 791 | 723 | – 8.6 |
| Cases Assigned | | | | | | | | | |
| Consent Decree | 638 | 764 | 708 | 310 | 339 | 213 | 204 | 258 | 26.5 |
| Probation | 930 | 686 | 776 | 906 | 843 | 538 | 459 | 572 | 24.6 |
| Suspended Commitment | 290 | 344 | 280 | 27 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Special Projects | — | — | 34 | 234 | 82 | 132 | 90 | 109 | 21.1 |
| Total | 2,058 | 1,794 | 1,798 | 1,477 | 1,264 | 883 | 753 | 939 | 24.7 |
| Cases Removed | | | | | | | | | |
| Expiration | 1,821 | 1,198 | 1,089 | 780 | 702 | 696 | 430 | 340 | – 20.9 |
| Revocation | 182 | 160 | 85 | 61 | 63 | 37 | 66 | 48 | – 27.3 |
| Early Termination | 335 | 210 | 204 | 444 | 401 | 256 | 234 | 289 | 23.5 |
| Special Projects | — | — | 14 | 209 | 124 | 96 | 91 | 88 | – 3.3 |
| Other | — | 157 | 767 | 93 | — | — | — | — | — |
| Total | 2,338 | 1,725 | 2,159 | 1,587 | 1,290 | 1,085 | 821 | 765 | – 6.8 |
| Cases Under Supervision Dec. 31 | | | | | | | | | |
| Consent Decree | 360 | 494 | 208 | 144 | 186 | 124 | 134 | 164 | 22.4 |
| Probation | 732 | 613 | 564 | 725 | 769 | 595 | 518 | 641 | 23.7 |
| Suspended Commitment | 329 | 383 | 304 | 72 | 2 | — | — | — | — |
| Special Projects | — | — | 53 | 78 | 36 | 72 | 71 | 92 | 29.6 |
| Total | 1,421 | 1,490 | 1,129 | 1,019 | 993 | 791 | 723 | 897 | 24.1 |
| Social Reports Completed | 2,974 | 3,802 | 4,311 | 3,488 | 3,349 | 2,960 | 2,681 | 3,414 | 27.3 |
| Avg. Monthly Supervision Case Load | 1,604 | 1,359 | 1,075 | 1,045 | 990 | 829 | 767 | 771 | 0.5 |
| Intake Cases | 4,136 | 4,058 | 3,906 | 3,256 | 3,026 | 3,940 | 4,141 | 3,758 | – 9.2 |
| Average Number of Probation Officer Positions | 49 | 49 | 48 | 48 | 53 | 44[b] | 41[b] | 41[b] | — |

[a] Figure was adjusted to reflect incorporation of the Outreach Project case load.

[b] Includes 6 probation officer positions assigned to Special Projects.

## TABLE 38
## ANALYSIS OF SPECIAL PROJECTS ACTIVITY

1984

| | Pending Case Load January 1 | Cases Assigned | Cases Removed | Case Load December 31 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Minimum Supervision | 4,850 | 8,429 | 8,646 | 4,633 |
| Traffic Alcohol Program | 465 | 1,053 | 487 | 1,031 |
| Community Services | 94 | 69 | 121 | 42 |
| Community Services Diversion | 419 | 1,497 | 1,539 | 377 |
| Monitored Cases | 9 | 53 | 21 | 41 |
| Total | 5,837 | 11,101[b] | 10,814 | 6,124 |

[a] This figure reflects an adjustment of 38 cases.

[b] This figure includes 3,098 new case and 5,331 intradivisional transfers.

## TABLE 39
## COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF NEW CASES ASSIGNED[a]

| | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Adult Probation Services | 3,352 | 4,187 | 3,885 | 5,136 | 6,669 | 7,251 | 9,344 | 9,225 | – 1.3 |
| Family Services[b] | 2,379 | 2,045 | 2,070 | 1,871 | 1,506 | 1,081 | 914 | 824 | – 9.8 |
| Crossroads Diversion | 671 | 714 | 1,368 | 934 | 1,244 | 67 | — | — | — |
| Community Services Diversion | — | — | — | — | 535 | 1,164 | 1,373 | 1,497 | 9.0 |
| Monitored Cases | — | — | — | — | — | 103 | 36 | 53 | 47.2 |
| Total | 6,402 | 6,946 | 7,323 | 7,941 | 9,954 | 9,666 | 11,667 | 11,599 | – 0.6 |

[a] Interoffice transfers are not included.

[b] Cases reported for Family Services were assigned to Intrafamily Probation Services and Juvenile Probation Services prior to 1981.

# SUPERIOR COURT
# MARRIAGE BUREAU

Robert T. Nash
Chief Deputy Clerk

In addition to the authority to celebrate the rites of civil marriages, the responsibilities of the Marriage Bureau encompass a broad range of duties including: the receipt and approval of the applications for and the issuance of marriage licenses in the District of Columbia; the filing, docketing and custody of marriage records; the issuance of certified copies of marriage licenses; the receipt and approval of applications from ministers and other persons for authority to perform marriages in the District of Columbia; the collection of fees and maintenance of accounts in connection with marriage licenses, search of records and applications for authority to perform marriage ceremonies; and, the answering of inquiries over the counter, by telephone, and by correspondence concerning Bureau policies.

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## TABLE 40
## COMPARATIVE SUMMARY OF MARRIAGE BUREAU ACTIVITY

| | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Minister Licenses Issued | 386 | 421 | 389 | 460 | 439 | 443 | 373 | 414 | 11.0 |
| Marriage Applications Received | 4,923 | 4,931 | 5,223 | 5,442 | 5,621 | 5,867 | 5,803 | 5,747 | – 1.0 |
| Marriage Licenses Issued | 4,787 | 4,807 | 5,068 | 5,320 | 5,485 | 5,693 | 5,611 | 5,592 | – 0.3 |
| Religious Ceremonies Performed | 4,105 | 4,061 | 4,111 | 4,321 | 4,450 | 4,469 | 4,350 | 4,438 | 2.0 |
| Civil Ceremonies Performed | 534 | 563 | 765 | 871 | 887 | 1,103 | 1,106 | 1,051 | – 5.0 |

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# STATISTICS

## COURT SYSTEM

# COURT REPORTER DIVISION

Shirley S. Curley
Director

The Court Reporter Division is responsible for the making of a verbatim record of the proceedings of the various trial courts in the Superior Court, timely production of transcripts for filing in the Court of Appeals and the Superior Court, and the timely preparation of transcripts ordered by attorneys and litigants.


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## TABLE 41
## COMPARATIVE REPORT OF TRANSCRIPT PRODUCTION FROM AUDIO TAPES

| Production/Staffing | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pages Produced by Court Transcriber-Typists | | | | | | | | | |
| Appeal Cases | 321 | 284 | 759 | 1,033 | 440 | 633 | 1,657 | 2,557 | 54.3 |
| Non-Appeal Cases | 1,185 | 1,675 | 3,451 | 2,314 | 1,394 | 828 | 5,608 | 10,436 | 86.1 |
| Mental Health Transcripts | — | — | — | — | — | — | 542 | 509 | – 6.1 |
| Judge-Ordered Transcripts | 181 | 218 | 443 | 281 | 74 | 81 | 219 | 251 | 14.6 |
| Total | 1,687 | 2,177 | 4,653 | 3,628 | 1,908 | 1,542 | 8,026 | 13,753 | 71.4 |
| Pages Produced by Transcription Services | | | | | | | | | |
| Appeal Cases | 256 | 563 | 2,663 | 2,496 | 2,833 | 2,697 | 1,561 | 4,599 | 194.6 |
| Non-Appeal Cases | 1,019 | 2,408 | 3,686 | 7,988 | 19,370 | 13,622 | 11,472 | 9,748 | – 15.0 |
| Mental Health Transcripts | | — | — | — | — | — | — | 2,450 | 100.0 |
| Judge Ordered Transcripts | | — | — | — | — | — | — | 161 | 100.0 |
| Total | 1,275 | 2,971 | 6,349 | 10,484 | 22,203 | 16,319 | 13,033 | 16,958 | 30.1 |
| Total | 2,962 | 5,148 | 11,002 | 14,112 | 24,111 | 17,861 | 21,059 | 30,711 | 45.8 |
| Number of Cases Pending Transcription December 31 | 19 | 73 | 15 | 41 | 36 | 21 | 36 | 45 | 25.0 |
| Number of Transcriber-Typist Positions Authorized December 31 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 33.3 |
| Number of Courtrooms Supported by Central Recording Equipment | 9 | 11 | 11 | 11 | 21 | 32 | 43 | 47 | 9.3 |

## TABLE 42
## COMPARATIVE REPORT OF TRANSCRIPT PRODUCTION BY COURT REPORTERS

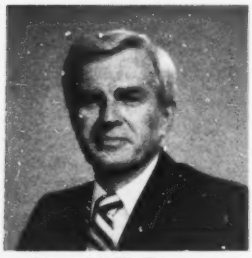
| Production/Staffing | 1977 | 1978 | 1979 | 1980 | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 | 1984 | %Change 1983-1984 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Pages Produced | 204,578 | 199,791 | 243,481 | 261,317 | 297,424 | 278,239 | 319,461 | 337,575 | 5.7 |
| Number of Pages Produced for Appeals | 126,092 | 123,505 | 152,240 | 159,544 | 195,091 | 175,585 | 194,572 | 198,702 | 2.1 |
| Number of Pages Produced for Judges | 4,377 | 4,443 | 3,976 | 2,226 | 2,058 | 2,141 | 1,257 | 1,051 | – 16.4 |
| Ratio of Appeal Pages to Total Pages Produced | 61.6 | 61.8 | 62.5 | 61.5 | 65.5 | 63.1 | 60.9 | 58.9 | – 3.3 |
| Number of Appeal Orders Processed | 1,104 | 1,019 | 1,149 | 1,172 | 1,393 | 1,261 | 1,323 | 1,358 | 2.6 |
| Number of Court Reporters on Staff December 31 | 40 | 39 | 39 | 37 | 38 | 42 | 40 | 44 | 10.0 |

## ADMINISTRATIVE AND SUPPORT SERVICES

James F. Lynch
Deputy Executive
Officer

Cassandra D. Penn
Training Officer

**Executive Office.** The "District of Columbia Court Reform and Criminal Procedure Act of 1970" assigns responsibility for the administrative management of the District of Columbia Court System to the Executive Officer, and accordingly, the Executive Office Staff. In keeping with the policies of the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration, and in conjunction with the respective Chief Judges, this office oversees the administration of the Courts, and serves as the primary provider of services for the Court System as a whole.



Donald F. Peyton
Administrative Officer

**Administrative Division.** The Administrative Division is a support unit which is responsible for the following operations on a courtwide basis: property control, procurement, space management, reproduction services, communications management, messenger service, and reception and information service.

Valentine M. Cawood
Attorney Advisor

**Attorney Advisors.** The Attorney Advisors perform a broad spectrum of advisory legal functions, including the review of pending legislation, legal research and the preparation of memoranda of law. In addition, this staff serves as legal advisor to the Superior Court's Rules Committee, the various Divisional Advisory Committees and the Board of Judges on all matters concerning revision of the Superior Court's rules. The staff also operates the Superior Court's "Inmate Civil Assistance Project," under which prisoners are assisted in filing, defending and pursuing civil actions in the Superior Court.

Lee J. M. Barthlow
Deputy Clerk

**Central Recording Unit.** The primary responsibility of the Central Recording Unit is the operation and maintenance of the 8-track central recording system which services a number of trial and statutory courtrooms. This staff also serves as general electronic specialists for the Court and operates and maintains the video equipment.

Philip S. Braxton
Computer Systems
Administrator

**Data Processing Division.** The Data Processing Division of the Superior Court provides automated information to the operating divisions of the Superior Court in such critical areas as Civil, Criminal, Family and Social Services related matters. A "Long-Range Data Processing Plan," which outlines steps leading to an integrated courtwide Management Information System. has been developed. Utilizing modern hardware and the latest software technologies, this integrated data system will provide Court managers with information crucial to daily operations, as well as the policy-making process.

Alfred E. Berling
Fiscal Officer

**Financial Operations Division.** The Financial Operations Division is comprised of three branches: Internal Audit, Budget and Accounting, and Financial Revenue. The Internal Audit Branch performs internal audits of all the accounts of the court, as related to monies collected and deposited in the Registry of the Court, grants, appropriations, and Criminal Justice Act funds. The Budget and Accounting Branch is responsible for the annual preparation of the budget as well as maintaining accounting records for disbursement of general appropriations, witness and jury fee monies, and Criminal Justice Act Funds. The Financial Revenue Branch oversees the collection of all fees, costs and payments, and the deposit of monies into the Registry of the Court.

George L. Wright
Director

**Personnel Division.** The Personnel Division administers personnel policies and procedures promulgated by the Joint Committee on Judicial Administration and Chief Judges of the respective Courts, thereby ensuring that policies are fairly and equitably applied to all employees. This Division is also responsible for providing employment counseling, managing employee-employer relations and furnishing personnel services related to recruitment, career planning, health benefits and retirement plans.

Linda J. Finkelstein
Director

**Research, Evaluation and Special Projects Division.** The Research, Evaluation and Special Projects Division encompasses four major areas of responsibility: special projects, statistical as well as general reporting and analysis, legislative review and assessments, and forms management. The Division assesses the impact which legislation pending before the City Council could have upon the court and administers a courtwide Forms Management Program.